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No more new poker licenses on Saipan after April 2, 2015

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REPORTER

The government will no longer issue new or additional licenses for poker,

pachinko, or similar amusement machines on Saipan after April 2, 2015, slowly ridding the island of these gambling machines that sprung up within or near residential and school areas over

the years. But Rep. Roman Benavente (Ind-Saipan) said the Saipan casino law, which phases out the poker industry, still needs to be clarified, including where to get all or a portion of the \$3 million to

fund the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance that relies on poker fees.

"The casino law does not say where the money for SHEFA will come from. See POKER on Page 4

Cape Air cancellations continue

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Cape Air flights have been cancelled indefinitely as proper measures are being taken to ensure safe operations moving forward, according to Linda Markham, Cape Air's president.

"Our goal is to have the Cape Air aircraft return to service as soon as possible. Although we understand that this is a true inconvenience to customers, safety is of

utmost importance and will not be sacrificed to expedite this process," Markham said in a statement.

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DB members told to fill out form for release of interest payments

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In anticipation of the release of \$30 million in escrow once a Saipan casino license is granted to Best Sunshine International Ltd., the Department of Finance is now asking government employees waiting for interest pay-

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Officials of the Northern Marianas College and the Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs exchange pleasantries after a ribbon cutting ceremony to unveil NMC's newly renovated Building K.

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NMC unveils newly renovated building



Director Nikolao Pula, fourth from right, of the Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs, joins NMC president Sharon Hart, fourth from left, and other federal and local officials in a ribbon cutting ceremony for the college's newly renovated Building K on Friday.

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The Northern Marianas College unveiled its newly renovated Building "K" to government officials and members of the public in a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday.

Funds for the renovation were made available through an \$800,000 facilities grant from the Office of Insular Affairs, according to Tim Lang, project partner and consultant.

He said \$56,000 was used for Building K's architecture and engineering design and \$413,000 for its renovation and construction work.

NMC's Building A also had its roof replaced at a cost of \$186,000, he said.

"The total expenditure to date is \$656,000," he added.

The scope of work included the complete demolition of Building K's termite-damaged roof and a complete gutting of its interior. New works included a galvanized steel roof and completely new mechanical and electrical systems.

"We've constructed two department chair offices, 14 faculty offices, a student services office, and a copy room," Lang said.

According to Lang, construction began in March 2013 and was substantially completed last month.

Angel Demapan, and Nikolao Pula, director of the Office of Interior Affairs.

He said the remaining funds will be used to replace the sidewalk on the building's east side and improve its drainage and renovate the restrooms on its west side.

Officials and members of the public got to see the inside of the renovated building, with the presentation itself held in two of the building's new classrooms that are adjoined and separated by accordion partitions.

Speakers at the ceremony included NMC president Dr. Sharon Hart, press secretary

Angel Demapan, and Nikolao Pula, director of the Office of Interior Affairs.

"It just touches my heart that we're able to have the opportunity to be with you and witness and be part of the good work we do for the renovation of NMC," Pula said.

He called it a "rare opportunity" to travel to the islands and thinks the funds provided was well spent.

"This is where the rubber hits the road," he said. "[This is] for the future of education for the young people of the CNMI,

Demapan called the renovation "another significant step

forward" for the college, which had its accreditation affirmed and new business degree approved this year.

He called the renovation another example of the government's commitment to spend wisely and prudently, and to maximize available funding from federal partners.

"We're glad to take this step forward with NMC today and in the years to come," he said.

Hart said that, as the college grows, it is important to have facilities that they can be proud of.

"We wouldn't doubt by the year 2020, we could be as close to double the enrollments we

have today. All of that is really going to require...different facilities than what we have today," she said.

She said the college is working hard with its local and federal partners to ensure the college is equipped to deal with the influx of students in the years to come.

"This is only really the first of what we hope will be the many, many future annual ribbon cutting ceremonies that [we will be having] at NMC with our facilities," she said.

The college worked with Tariguchi Ruth Maldo Architects and EMCE Consulting Engineers on the project.

\$31.90K for 38 Rota patients, 2 others

Gov. Eloy S. Inos signed into law Friday a local bill appropriating \$31,900 in poker and pachinko slot machine license fees for 38 patients from Rota as well as to partially fund the Rota scholarship and car rental payment owed by

the mayor's office.

Of the total amount, \$26,400 is for the monthly subsistence allowance of 38 patients from Rota. They include those who are undergoing dialysis treatment and treatment for terminal

illnesses outside the island.

Of the 38 patients, 15 are receiving treatment or staying on Rota, 14 are on Saipan, five are in Guam, two in the mainland United States, and one each in Hawaii and the Philippines.

The \$26,400 subsistence allowance

covers the months of May and June 2014. Each of the patients will receive anywhere from \$300 to \$900 for the two-month period, depending on their specific treatment.

Rep. Teresita Santos' (R-Rota) House Local Bill 18-57, Substitute 1, is now Rota Local Law 18-14.

The new local law also appropriates \$3,190 for the Rota Municipal Scholarship Foundation pursuant to a previous local law, RLL 17-2.

The remaining \$2,310 is partial payment to Alamo Car Rental for the Rota mayor's office's outstanding account. (Haidee V. Eugenio)

Visitors Authority publicized information about golfing opportunities in the Northern Marianas during a recent broadcast of Zip FM.

The free, 10-minute coverage in July featured various golf attractions in **Saipan** and **Rota**

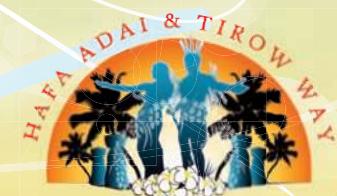
and reached an estimated 182,500 listeners in the **Chubu** region, the central region of Japan's main island of **Honshu**.

At the end of the program, H.I.S. golf package



tours were introduced.

In June 2014, about 13 percent of all visitors from Japan to the NMI planned to golf during their visit. There was also a 35 percent increase in the number of golfers overall compared to June 2013.



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Star Marianas OK'd to seize aviation fuel worth \$3.5K

The federal court has granted Star Marianas Air's request to allow it to seize drums of aviation fuel that belongs to Aviation Services (CNMI) Ltd. that are at the Saipan International Airport.

In an order on Thursday, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona, however, ordered that she will issue a writ of execution to satisfy only the two money judgments of \$2,500 and \$967.50, for a total of \$3,467.50.

Star Marianas asked for the writ of execution to seize and sell the property of Aviation Services to satisfy the entire amount owed by the company under a settlement agreement. Star Marianas calculates that amount to be \$8,467.50.

In her order granting in part and denying in part the application for writ of execution, Manglona said a writ of execution may issue to enforce a money judgment.

Manglona said a money judgment consists of two elements: "an identification of the parties for and against whom judgment is being entered, and a definite and certain designation of the amount which plaintiff is owed by defendant."

Under this definition, the judge said, the only money judgments in this case are in the amounts of \$2,500 (order enforcing settlement agreement) and \$967.50 (order awarding fees and costs), for a total of \$3,467.50.

Star Marianas, through

counsel Timothy H. Bellas, had asked the court to allow the company to seize 25 55-gallon drums of aviation fuel after Aviation Services Ltd. failed to pay its outstanding settlement amount.

Bellas said Aviation Services Ltd. has ceased business operations and is not likely to have the financial resources to make any of the future payments due under their settlement agreement.

Bellas said the 25 drums of aviation gas are worth \$8,775.

The lawyer said the aviation fuel was used as part payment of the consideration to be paid to Star Marianas Air.

Bellas said in order to eliminate the need for future motions to enforce the settlement agreement, his client requests the court to allow for the seizure of the aviation gas and that such gas be sold and the proceeds be used to satisfy the total unpaid amount under the settlement agreement (\$7,500) plus the \$967.50 in fees awarded, for a total of \$8,467.50.

Bellas said his client, due to the nature of the item to be seized, shall assist the U.S. Marshal in the seizure and taking custody of the aviation fuel.

Once the expenses of the seizure have been paid, the aviation gas will be used to satisfy the amount of \$8,467.50 to Star Marianas Air and if a surplus remains, it will be paid to Aviation Services Ltd.

Star Marianas Air filed a racketeering lawsuit in Janu-

ary 2013 against Aviation Services Ltd. and some of its employees for allegedly stealing several drums of aviation fuel from Star Marianas Air's ISO tank container and delivering the stolen fuel to Freedom Air in order for it to continue its operations.

The parties entered a settlement agreement. Aviation Services Ltd. agreed to make some payments to Star Marianas Air under their agreement.

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Drunk man arrested for domestic abuse

A drunk man allegedly squeezed hard the left shoulder of his common-law wife, threatened to kill her, and resisted police arrest at their home in Koblerville Housing early Thursday morning.

Edward Castro Villagomez, 53, was arrested for assault and battery, disturbing the peace, and assaulting a police officer.

The wife told police that it was not the first time that Villagomez physically abused her.

Police officer Christopher Santos sustained a scratch after Villagomez allegedly swung his hand when the officer tried to handcuff him.

At a hearing on Friday, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho imposed a \$1,250 cash bail. Preliminary hearing will be on Aug. 15 at 9am.

Police detective Therese S. Kintoki stated in her report that when police officers Santos and John Wabol responded to a report of a disturbance at Koblerville Housing, the victim and her 10-year-old daughter met them. Villagomez also allegedly mentioned that he regrets not hitting Santos hard enough to knock him out. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

The victim told the officers that Villagomez created distur-

bance at their house in front of their six children.

Preliminary investigation showed that Villagomez had arrived home drunk and became upset when his wife refused to give him money to buy beer.

Villagomez allegedly squeezed hard her upper left shoulder, shouted profanities at her, and threatened to kill her. The wife then called the police.

When Santos and Wabol entered the house upon the permission of the wife, Villagomez shouted at the officers, telling them they have no permission to get in without a warrant.

When Santos tried to arrest Villagomez, he allegedly resisted by swinging his hand. Wabol aided Santos in placing the handcuff.

As another police officer was transporting Villagomez to the Department of Corrections, the defendant allegedly stated that when gets out he will beat up his wife.

Villagomez also allegedly mentioned that he regrets not hitting Santos hard enough to knock him out. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

MCS Class of '94 breaks ground for playground addition

Mount Carmel School's Class of 1994 has begun construction for the installation of the monkey bars and slide as part of the MCS playground expansion project.

Expected to be completed in one month, senior class presi-

dent Manny Ramon said, "We were hoping to start and complete this project before classes resume but we wanted to ensure that our project was firm and well-thought out before our ground breaking."

"We're more thankful and

excited that we can give back to the school and community as we celebrate our 20th year since graduation," he added.

The Class of 1994 held a comedy Knight fundraising event in June to garner community support for this proj-



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

1994 Mount Carmel Alum-Knights visit the school campus to view the progress of the monkey bar installation. This project is part of the Class of 1994's commitment to give back to the school.

DB MEMBERS

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ments on their withdrawn NMI Retirement Fund's Defined Benefit Plan contributions to fill out a tax form, or Form W-9.

The \$30 million is also the source of payments for retirees' deferred 25-percent pension, estimated at \$16.4 million.

Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson confirmed yesterday that they released a memorandum on Friday "in anticipation of release of interest to DB members."

"Need to ensure their tax filings are correct and trying to be ready when it is time to release payments. Announcements about retirees will be forthcoming," Larson told *Saipan Tribune*.

The Lottery Commission approved Wednesday a casino

development agreement, which will become final once Best Sunshine's Hong Kong-based parent company, Imperial Pacific, approves it.

The Lottery Commission expects to hear back from Imperial Pacific as early as this week.

The deal calls for the development of a minimum \$2 billion investment in an integrated casino resort with at least 2,000 new hotel rooms.

In a one-page memorandum dated Aug. 8, Larson said it is critical that a Form W-9 is filled out and submitted to the Division of Finance and Accounting Payroll Section "as soon as possible."

"Please be advised that delays in submission of this form will result in a delay in release of your interest," Larson said in her memo addressed to all government departments and agencies.

partner, United Airlines, to ensure that proper plans are in place for replacement aircraft, customer service, and scheduling. United and the employee group from Cape Air have worked diligently to keep the operation moving forward," she said.

On Saturday, four flights were cancelled. Two were scheduled to arrive on Saipan at 3:35am and 8:05am, another in the afternoon at 2pm, and the last at 8:05pm.

As of 7pm last night, four Cape Air flights were cancelled. They were scheduled to arrive at the same time as Saturday's flights.

The recent cancellations continue a trend beginning last month. Cancelled flights were first reported on the weekend of July 25, continuing through to July 31.

"We work closely with our

A copy of the form is available online at <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>.

In October last year, over 1,700 individuals withdrew over \$40 million in their DB plan employee contributions from the NMI Retirement Fund.

Tinian, Rota retirees

Sen. Frank Borja (Ind-Tinian), chairman of the Tinian and Aguiuan Legislative Delegation, said Friday that they have gotten from retirement settlement fund trustee Civille & Tang an "estimate" breakdown of the \$2.95 million meant for "off-island" retirees.

Borja said about \$221,000 of the \$2.95 million is for retirees from Tinian that are now off-island.

This is in addition to the \$1.05 million meant for Tinian retirees in the CNMI, for a to-

tal of \$1.271 million for Tinian retirees.

The Tinian delegation asked for the specific breakdown that will help them appropriate \$2 million for Tinian retirees and other activities. The Rota Legislative Delegation also prepared a similar bill.

Borja said the Tinian delegation moved its Friday session to today to further discuss the appropriations bill.

Civille & Tang earlier told the governor and lawmakers that an estimated \$16.4 million is needed to fund retirees' 25-percent deferred pension payments for fiscal year 2014.

An estimated \$11.05 million of this is for Saipan residents or retirees, while \$1.35 million is for Rota residents and \$1.05 million is for Tinian residents. The remaining \$2.95 million is for off-island residents or retirees.

not only included the weekend and Friday but all flights last week leading up to Aug. 6.

For United Airlines flights from other countries with passengers whose final destination is Saipan, United has been redirecting some of these passengers to its partners, such as Asiana Airlines. Two such United passengers from Manila who were supposed to transit through Guam to Saipan were given this accommodation.

With public discontent over Cape Air's service growing in the last few months, Rep. Lorenzo Leon Guerrero, chairman of the House Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation, and Communication said he is "following the situation very closely."

He said in statement that he has talked with the Office of the Attorney General's consumer



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Mount Carmel Alum-Knights Class of 1994 pose for a group photo after celebrating Mass, with Fr. Eric Forbes as the presider, at the Mt. Carmel Cathedral on Saturday, Aug. 2, 2014.

ect as well as solicited educational tax credit donations from businesses.

On Aug. 2, the '94 Alum-Knights held a Eucharistic celebration, with Fr. Eric Forbes presiding, uniting classmates and families. The Mass also honored JM Concepcion, Roy Tenorio, and Robert Guerrero, who have already passed away. The group celebrated their 20 years with a picnic

later that afternoon.

Last Saturday, Aug. 9, the Class of 1994 donated their time to assist with the landscaping and cleanup at the Maturana House of Prayer. A potluck lunch followed later that day.

Maisie Tenorio, an MCS '94 graduate, said she was recently on campus and saw the work being done on the playground. She added that she can't wait to try it out!

"There's still many opportunities to join in our 20th year reunion as classmates—whether it be planning the big dinner

reunion event slated for September or joining the planning sessions," said class member Carla Torres.

Aside from the class' efforts, more help is needed for the school. "We invite the community to seize the day and give back as the school is undergoing several phases of improvements with the stage. Any gesture, whether big or small, will go a long way toward saving the stage that holds notable history for our community," said another class member, Redia A. Dela Cruz. (PR)

amusement machines that began its operation prior to April 2, 2015, shall be allowed to continue operation in the Third Senatorial District."

Benavente, who is also chairman of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation's Education Committee, said it is not clear whether existing poker machines would still be allowed to "renew" their license beyond April 2, 2015, or will only be allowed to finish the duration of the valid license granted on or before April 2, 2015.

Poker businesses pay \$12,500 per poker machine, which translates to at least \$3.75 million if there are at least 300 machines. In recent years, the number of licensed poker machines on Saipan has plummeted.

The phase out of the Saipan poker industry under the casino law is not the only one that poker operators need to be cognizant of.

A Saipan local law signed in October 2013 requires poker operators currently within 200 feet of schools, churches, parks, playgrounds, and laundry facilities to relocate within up to four years or up to 2017.

"This local law on relocating poker machines near schools and villages is another thing that we need to clarify," Benavente added.

Under Saipan Local Law 18-5, no new poker parlors will be allowed to operate within 200 feet of schools, churches, parks, playgrounds and Laundromats on Saipan. Existing poker businesses within the 200-foot radius will have up to four years to relocate.

CAPE AIR

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According to data on flightstats.com, over 13 flights have been cancelled over this weekend and on Friday.

Last Friday, two morning flights, 9K5069 and 9K5071, were cancelled. In the afternoon, flight 9K5077, set to arrive on Saipan at 2:50pm, was also cancelled. Friday's evening flights, 9K5041 and 9K5043, which were scheduled to arrive at 6:35 and 10:20 pm, followed suit.

According to the site, a United Airlines flight flew later that night, arriving on Saipan at 11:29pm. Cape Air and United Airlines are codeshare partners.

Markham said United would continue to provide accommodating flights in the interim.

"We work closely with our

counsel, assistant attorney general Gus Harb, and while the office cannot prosecute an airline or directly address public complaints, they would help direct concerns to the proper authorities.

"I am very happy to report that the Office of Consumer Counsel will be taking complaints regarding United Airlines and Cape Air and forwarding them to the U.S. Department of Transportation," he said.

Guerrero said his goals are to make transportation more reliable and affordable for the public and private sector, and as a lawmaker, he will be introducing legislation to help entice other airlines to the CNMI.

"This is a good first step and I congratulate AAG Harb for taking the time and making the effort to help the people of the CNMI," he said

Domestic violence charges vs police sergeant dismissed

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho dismissed with prejudice on Friday the domestic violence case filed against police sergeant Elden Dela Cruz.

Camacho dismissed the case upon chief prosecutor Brian Flaherty's request.

Dismissed with prejudice means the case can no longer be re-opened.

In the government's motion to

dismiss, Flaherty said that Camacho has already granted a *nolle prosequi* ("do not prosecute") in this matter on Nov. 7, 2013.

Five days before the bench trial in November 2013, the OAG voluntarily withdrew the criminal charges against Dela Cruz and filed the motion for *nolle prosequi* ("do not prosecute")

"The Commonwealth submits that the decision to file the motion for *nolle prosequi* is

based solely upon its interpretation of the facts of the case and the interests of justice," said Flaherty in the government's motion in November.

Nolle prosequi, according to law books, refers to a motion by a prosecutor or other plaintiff to drop legal charges, usually in exchange for a diversion program or out-of-court settlement. Such a motion is usually filed when the charges cannot

be proved, the evidence has demonstrated either innocence or a fatal flaw in the prosecution's claim, or the prosecutor no longer believes that the accused is guilty.

It is not, however, a guarantee that the defendant won't be recharged.

On Friday, Flaherty told the court that Dela Cruz and the victim have separated and have had no further contact or incident between them since the granting of the *nolle prosequi*.

Flaherty said the government

is convinced that both parties have moved on from the underlying incident and wish to continue to do so.

To that end, Flaherty said that Dela Cruz requested that this matter be dismissed with prejudice.

The chief prosecutor said the victim has been informed of this request and does not object to the dismissal.

"The Commonwealth does not intend to resume the prosecution of this case. The Commonwealth believes it would be in the interest of justice to dis-

miss this case with prejudice," Flaherty said.

The OAG had charged Dela Cruz with assault and battery and disturbing the peace for allegedly beating up his wife on June 7, 2013.

The wife, however, issued a declaration to Dela Cruz's counsel, Janet H. King, confessing that she lied to police when she accused her husband, who was then officer-in-charge of the Department of Public Safety's Internal Affairs Office, of beating her. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

US govt withdraws writ of execution vs Villagomez, Santoses

The U.S. government has requested the federal court to vacate its order issued in October 2013 that seized the property of former lieutenant governor Timothy P. Villagomez, former Commerce secretary James A. Santos, and his wife, Joaquina V. Santos, to satisfy a judgment against them.

Assistant U.S. attorney Jessica F. Cruz informed the U.S.

District Court for the NMI on Friday that vacating the writ of execution is appropriate as the U.S. Marshals Service's levy against Villagomez's and the Santos' property is now untenable since the NMI Retirement Fund no longer exists and has no assets that belong to Villagomez and the Santoses.

On Sept. 26, 2013, Cruz filed

an application for writ of execution for property that was in the possession or control of the NMI Retirement Fund and to which Villagomez and Santoses were legally entitled to.

On Oct. 8, 2013, the court ordered the clerk of court to issue the writ of execution. The clerk of court issued the writ of execution the following day.

The U.S. Marshal Service served the writ of execution on Nov. 13, 2013.

In the U.S. government's motion to vacate the writ of execution, Cruz said that based on correspondence with Joyce C. H. Tang, the trustee of the Settlement Fund, it is her understanding that the NMI Retirement Fund is no longer in existence and that the assets of the Fund were transferred to a new

entity, the Settlement Fund.

Last Tuesday, Cruz filed separate applications for writ of execution to seize funds that will be released to Villagomez and the Santos couple. She filed the applications in anticipation of the release of funds to restore the 25-percent pension cut of CNMI retirees.

Cruz said the funds will be used to partially satisfy the judgment against the defendants. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)



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One Million Gallon Water Tank Replacement Project To Begin, Will Trigger Water Hours in Puerto Rico and Surrounding Areas

(August 8, 2014, Saipan) The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation ("CUC") announces a major improvement project being undertaken by CUC in partnership with the CNMI Water Task Force. The project is replacing the existing Puerto Rico water storage tank, which is critically needed for reliable water storage in Puerto Rico and surrounding communities. The first phase of the project is scheduled to begin on or about August 15, 2014, which includes demolition of the existing tank.

CUC notes the existing water storage tank is currently unsafe, after inspection revealed the failure of roof support rafters and other weaknesses in the tank that threatens failure. Replacement of the tank is funded through a \$1,078,216 million grant from the US Economic Development Administration and \$359,405 in matching funds from the OIA for a total project budget of \$1,437,621 million. The project was designed by Duenas, Camacho & Associates and will be constructed by AIC Marianas.

Replacement of the tank will result in reduced water storage since the existing tank will be out of service throughout the demolition and construction of the new tank — approximately 6 months.

The areas to be effected will be from the intersection of Sadog Tasi and Chalan Pale Arnold Road, south to the intersection of Beach Road and Gualo Rai Road.

At this time, the expected water hours will be from 06:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. — Monday through Sunday. CUC will be making every effort to supply as much water as possible to the area.

CUC encourages those that have water tanks and cisterns to take any needed steps to make sure that their on-site equipment is fully functional and sanitary. CUC apologizes in advance for any inconvenience resulting from this project. Please direct inquiries to the CUC Water Division at (670) 322-5030/31.

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Atalig vies for Miss Universe Guam crown

By THOMAS MANGLONA II
CORRESPONDENT

Saipan native Joycelyn Atalig is vying for the title of Miss Universe Guam, going head to head with 14 other contestants in September for the opportunity to represent the islands in the Miss Universe pageant in Brazil.

The 20-year-old is currently a junior Political Science student at the University of Guam and plans to pursue a career in politics after graduating.

Atalig said that the decision to participate in the pageant was

not made easily.

"I confided in my parents, my boyfriend, my family and my friends, all of whom only encouraged my participation and urged me to make it final. With all the support I was getting from everyone I figured if this many people believe in me so much, why not?"

Although new to the pageant industry, Atalig sought to learn the fundamentals of competing in a beauty pageant by watching videos and reading stories of former contestants online.

"I also sought help from several former contestants as well as former queens, attempting to take from their experiences tips and lessons that I found quite handy. By doing this, I was able to get an insider's point of view."

As a Miss Universe Guam candidate, Atalig will be advocating for the preservation of the Chamorro culture and language. She believes that by sharing the rich Chamorro culture, the tourism business will flourish.

"It is the legacy of our people and I feel, that, in and of itself, is powerful enough to attract visitors from all over the world. This in turn can address an

other pressing issue, which is our economy," she said. "Being that tourism is one of our most prosperous forms of income, advertising and advocating such a rich culture as ours, even more than we do today, can only benefit that."

Atalig was born on Saipan, but considers Rota her true home. "For 17 years I was taught the ways of the humble people of Rota, and I am very proud to be where I am from," she said.

According to Atalig, who is also a 2011 Rota High School alumna, growing up in a tight-knit community like Rota made her understand the importance of respect.

"Because of how geographically small the island is, it is unfortunate, yet understandable that not many people know of the island or of its people," she said. "Rota has been good to me for so many years. I have made it a lifetime goal to continue to promote the beauty of the island and its people as well as the rest of the Marianas."

Atalig told *Saipan Tribune* that she has high hopes of wearing the crown in September.

"I have received continuous love and support from my parents Joseph K. and Lynn Y. Atalig, friends, and community."

If bestowed the crown she said that she will advocate for the beautiful island's treasures, land, people, and culture to an international audience.

Atalig urges young girls in the CNMI to believe in their abilities, just as she did.

She added, "I hope they never forget that there are others who also believe in them and are rooting for them the entire way."



NORMAN M. TARUC

Saipan native Joycelyn Atalig is vying for the title of Miss Universe Guam.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP14-GOV-127



Program Management CNMI Water Task Force

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Jude U. Hofsneider, through the CNMI Water Task Force, are soliciting sealed Proposals for Program Management for the Water Task Force on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project Scope of Work will be available at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Drive, Saipan, on or after July 28, 2014.

Questions regarding this Request for Proposal must be submitted in writing to **CNMI Water Task Force**, Special Advisor by facsimile to **(670) 664-2279** no later than August 8, 2014.

This project is funded by a grant from the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), Department of the Interior. Award of this project is contingent upon receipt of project approval from DOI/OIA.

The proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with NMIAC Section 70-30.3-210 (CNMI Procurement Regulations). Preference per Public Law 15-95 as further amended by Public Law 15-118 is not available in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal Law granting the funds for this project.

Proposals must be sealed and marked **"Program Management" RFP14-GOV-127**. One (1) original and four (4) copies must be submitted. Sealed proposals must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply, at Lower Base Drive, Saipan no later than 2:00 p.m., (CNMI local time) August 27, 2014. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

The CNMI reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if to do so shall be in the best interest of the CNMI. All proposals shall become the exclusive property of the CNMI government.

/s/ELOY S. INOS
Governor

/s/HERMAN S. SABLAM
Director, Procurement & Supply

TINIAN CASINO GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION Municipality of Tinian and Aguijan Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission (TCGCC) hereby gives notice that it will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, August 14, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. at the TCGCC Conference Room.

AGENDA

- I. Preliminary
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Roll Call
 - c. Adoption of Agenda
 - d. Adoption of Minutes
- II. Public Comments
- III. Reports
 - a. Chair's Report
 - b. Executive Director's Report
- IV. Unfinished Business
 - a. Technical Standards
 - b. Appointment of Administrator
- V. New Business
 - a. Ratification of Table Movement Requests
 - b. TDHC Casino Employee Applications
- VI. Executive Session
- VII. Miscellaneous/ Administrative Matters
- VIII. Adjournment

Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to three minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Commission may vote to meet in executive session of any time.

Saipan lawmakers OK funeral homes in CK

By a vote of 20-0 with one absence, the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation passed Friday a local bill amending the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013 to allow funeral homes in Chalan Kanoa.

Rep. Ray Tebuteb's (Ind-Saipan) House Local Bill 18-55 now goes to the governor for action.

The bill amends the zoning law to include funeral homes as a conditional use in village commercial zoning districts.

Tebuteb said the Borja Funeral Homes, currently in Oleai,

is proposing to move to the former Carmen's Baby News Store in Chalan Kanoa. The plan is to build a funeral home or crematorium at the new location.

The delegation listened to the concerns of members of the public about the bill and the development of funeral homes in Chalan Kanoa and in the end, the delegation passed the bill.

Earlier, Bank of Saipan, Triple J, and Sandy Beach Homes expressed opposition to the zoning law amendment bill to allow funeral homes in Chalan Kanoa. **(Haidee V. Eugenio)**

Public library has 112 new books

The Joeten Kiyu Public Library has 112 new collections of books for July, according to JKPL circulation supervisor Ray Deleon Guerrero Jr.

He said the books' intended audience range from juveniles to young adults and adults.

The most popular books include *The Tokaido Road: A Novel*, *Stalemate*, *The Dragon's Son*, *Master of Dragons*, *A Better View of Paradise: A Novel*, *The Junior Encyclopedia of General Knowledge*, *Fairy Tales of Hans Christian*, *Unlucky 13*, *The Target*, *Clinical Pharmacology Made Easy*, *New Medicine: Complete Family Health Guide*, *Lady & The Vamp*, *Midnight Star*, and *The*

Ultimate Dinosaur. New magazines are also available at the library.

In an earlier interview with JKPL's technical services librarian Rosalyn Ajoste, she said the library has been getting up to 100 new books every month.

"Our new collection of books will not only be appreciated by our regular patrons of the library but also to those who have not visited the public library and have wondered what type of books and other items we release each month," Deleon Guerrero said.

For more information on JKPL, visit them in Susupe or call 235-7329. **(Jayson Camacho)**

Private scholarships for top Micronesian students

COLUMBIA, SC—A dozen bright young island students are headed to top private schools across the central Pacific nation of Micronesia. Their tuition scholarships, awarded by the Habele charity, were announced

during a small ceremony at the Micronesian Embassy in Washington, D.C., last week.

Among the winners is Griselda Muut of Yap. She will be a sophomore at Yap Catholic High School this fall. Giselda

lives with her mother Mary Layan and younger sister Marago in the village of Kaday, a part of Weloy Municipality. Their father is deceased. Mary is an engaged parent who describes her daughter's school enthusiastically as "challenging" and "demanding." Rev. Michael P. Corcoran, the Jesuit headmaster of YCHS, said that Griselda "worked extremely hard and earned first honors for the last quarter of her freshman year." Muut is also active in village and school based athletic programs, in addition to participating in her village's traditional cultural dance ensemble.

The scholarships are privately funded and cover roughly three-fourths of tuition and fees at primary and secondary schools. More than 150 students from Yap, Chuuk, and Pohnpei states of the Federated States of Micronesia applied, seeking to attend independent, mostly re-

ligiously affiliated, elementary and high schools in the state capitals.

Winners were chosen based on academic achievement, financial hardship and geographic isolation. The students will be enrolling at Saint Mary's, Yap SDA and Yap Catholic High School in Yap; Berea Christian and Xaiver High in Chuuk; as well as Calvary Christian Academy in Pohnpei.

Muut is one of several 2014-15 awardees who earned a re-

newal of their Habele scholarship from last school year. Over the course of the academic year, Muut and others regularly provided Habele with copies of their quarterly grades, academic and behavioral reports and awards, as well as photos of themselves engaged in extracurricular activities.

"This modest program expands access to top notch instruction for ambitious students in Micronesia's most remote villages, islands and

atolls," explained Neil Melton, of the U.S.-based Habele, which awarded the scholarships. "The demand for these choice scholarships far exceeds our ability to provide them. We are grateful so many private U.S. and European individuals have chosen to make this targeted investment."

Habele was established as a South Carolina-based nonprofit in 2006 by a group of former Peace Corps volunteers who served as public school teachers in Micronesia. The charity provides support for libraries, sports leagues, academic clubs, and mentorship programs in addition to its annual tuition scholarships. (Habele)

Japan trip open for registration

The Saipan Mayor's Office is now accepting applications from students who would like to participate in a cultural exchange and homestay program in Japan, according to program coordinator Joann T. Aquino.

She said that the students from Kokusai Seiyounen Kensyuu Kyokai or KSKK group is inviting 15 CNMI students and two chaperones to visit them in Japan.

The trip will be on Oct. 9 to 15 and is open to students aged 8 to 14.

Aquino said the students will have to pay for the trip and that the price has not been

decided yet.

"I will be coming up with the price quotes from the airlines and we'll be notifying them soon on the airline fees," she said.

Aquino said the students will be visiting the Sensouji Temple, Ueno Zoo, stay with host families for three days, and then go to the Tokyo Disneyland, which will cost \$65 for entrance.

For more details on the Japan trip interested families can contact the Saipan Mayor's Office at the Ladera Center on Beach Road or call Aquino at 234-6208, 234-6280, 235-7304.

(Jayson Camacho)

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Weatherization Assistance Program suspended

The CNMI Energy Division of the Department of Public Works announced that it is suspending services under the Weatherization Assistance Program effective July 28, 2014, until further notice. For additional information, residents may contact the Energy office at 664-4480/1 or fax 664-4483. Funding opportunity for this program is made possible through a grant by the US Department of Energy. (PR)

Waters around FDM declared open for fishermen

ASAN, Guam—Waters surrounding the island of Farallon de Medinilla are deemed safe for local fishermen from Aug. 19 at 3pm to Aug. 27 at 11:59pm. The general public is advised to remain off the island of Farallon de Medinilla due to safety and security concerns.

Farallon de Medinilla plays a special and unique role in national defense because its location provides access frequency that supports established training requirements. In addition, the air and sea space in the Farallon provides sufficient room for the many different attack profiles necessary to replicate training opportunities in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. (PR)

Survivors and caregivers support meeting

All people facing cancer, their family members, and caregivers are invited to the next Commonwealth Cancer Association monthly support meeting on Thursday, Aug. 21, 2014, starting at 5:30pm at Hyatt Regency Saipan's Chamolinian Room. To RSVP or for more information, call the CCA at 682-0050 or email at ccamarianas@gmail.com or cca@ccamarianas.org. (CCA)

Military exercises on FDM, at W-517

The U.S. military will be conducting exercises on Farallon de Medinilla and Area W-517 south of Guam. The schedule

dates and time are as followed:

- Aug. 11, 1pm-09pm, FDM
- Aug. 13, 11am-11:55pm, FDM
- Aug. 14, 11am-06pm, FDM
- Aug. 15, 9am-11:55pm, FDM
- Aug. 13, 9am - 05pm, W-517

The general location of this activity will be at Farallon de Medinilla on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants and Area W-517, an irregular polygon south of Guam comprising southwest into international waters.

Due to the danger imposed by this activity, the general public especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators are strongly advised to stay away from these areas during the time and dates indicated. (PR)

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Aguigui leads the way for females in the Guard

In a matter of a few weeks, Lt. Col. Esther J.C. Aguigui made history, becoming the highest ranking as well as the first female to take command of a battalion-level unit in the Guam National Guard.

Maj. Gen. Benny M. Paulino, The Adjutant General of the Guam National Guard, spoke very highly of Lt. Col. Aguigui. "She is a proven leader. She has held many challenging positions throughout her career that have allowed her to excel and showcase her many talents and abilities to get the job done. I have no doubt she will continue to move the Guard forward."

Aguigui began her military career in 1985 as an information management specialist in the U.S. Air Force Reserve's 44th Aerial Port Squadron. In 1996, she transferred to the Guam Air National Guard's 254th Civil Engineer Squadron, becoming the first and only female to take on the role of First Sergeant. After 13 years as an airman, Aguigui started a new chapter in her career by transferring to the Guam Army National Guard where she received a direct commission as a



Aguigui

second lieutenant.

The various assignments she's held include Family Assistance Program coordinator; aide de camp to Maj. Gen. Paulino; commander of the 294th Military Intelligence Detachment; and Senior Intelligence Officer for Task Force Pelican, Joint Task Force, during relief efforts of Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana.

She deployed to Afghanistan from 2006 to 2007 serving as Deputy, Senior Counterintelligence Officer for Joint Special Operations Task Force and Liaison Officer to the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force.

She also served as the Secretary of General Staff for Maj. Gen. Donald J. Goldhorn, former Adjutant General; S3 Operations Officer for the 105th Troop Command and Commander of the GUARNG Element – Joint Force Headquarters, with simultaneous duties as the Chief of the J1 Casualty Branch.

"She's a people-person," said Col. Roderick Leon Guerrero, Chief of Joint Staff, Guam National Guard. "She knows how to deal with people and handle situations that most would not even



MAJ. JOSEPHINE BLAS/GUAM NATIONAL GUARD

Lt. Col. Esther Aguigui, center, takes command of the Guam Army National Guard's Recruiting and Retention Battalion as she receives the guidon from Maj. Gen. Benny M. Paulino, The Adjutant General of the Guam National Guard, left. Looking on is Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Ishmael.

want to touch. She gives a lot of herself to ensure soldiers and families are taken care of. She is deserving of this promotion."

A week after her promotion, Aguigui stepped forward to assume command of the Guam Army National Guard's Re-

cruiting and Retention Battalion—the first female to command a battalion in the Guam National Guard.

"This is significant milestone," said Paulino. "Lt. Col. Aguigui is an excellent choice to assume command of this fine organization. She is a highly skilled and competent officer whom I know I can entrust with the leadership of the Recruiting and Retention Battalion. She is truly the gold standard of command."

In her remarks during her promotion, Aguigui said, "There are so many people that have helped shape who I am today." She thanked Paulino for the opportunity to command a great organization filled with so many talented people.

"I owe a debt of gratitude to my former supervisors and personal mentors—thank you for the many lessons, encouragement, and guidance throughout these years," said Aguigui. "No

words can express, no act of gratitude can relate, no gift can represent what my family's love and support has and will always mean to me."

"To the men and women who make up the Recruiting and Retention Battalion, I am extremely proud and humbled to have been selected as your commander," Aguigui continued. "We must act with candor and integrity to earn the unquestioning trust of soldiers and families. We must commit to employing our rank and positions not to serve ourselves, but to serve this island and country. And most of all, we must practice physical and morale courage, and inspire these qualities in others by our example."

Prior to assuming command of the Recruiting and Retention Battalion, Aguigui relinquished command of the GUARNG Element – Joint Force Headquarters to Maj. Manuel Duenas. (PR)

Store employees worked on lunch hour without pay

K.S. Mart, a grocery-department store retailer in Tafuna, American Samoa, agreed to pay \$85,179 to 87 employees for violations of the minimum wage and overtime provisions under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Wage and Hour Division investigators found that hourly employees worked through lunch without compensation. They also determined that 11 salaried workers were entitled to overtime

pay but did not receive it.

"In accordance with the FLSA, hours worked must be properly counted and paid. Salaried employees are also entitled to overtime pay unless they are guaranteed at least \$380 per week and have certain job duties and primary responsibilities that would lawfully exclude them from the wage requirements of the Act," said Wage and Hour District Director Terry Trotter. (USDOL)

The Shack signs on as MINA Green Gala sponsor

Showing its support once again for conserving the islands' natural resources, The Shack recently donated in-kind prizes totaling more than \$1,000 to the Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance. The donation was made as part of MINA's annual fundraising event, the Green Gala, which will be held on Sept. 19, 2014.

The leading conservation nonprofit organization in the Commonwealth, MINA has successfully implemented various projects, including the Obyan Rehabilitation Project, the Teacher Environmental Camp, the Marine Debris Prevention program, Tasi Watch Project, and the Adopt-A-Bin Project, which has placed recycle bins at all the major beaches on the island.

In order to continue its efforts to preserve and protect the CNMI's fragile environment and biodiversity, MINA is seeking the community's participation in the Green Gala event. The organization is supported by project grants and from generous contributions from local businesses and community members.

In addition to lively entertainment, dinner, and a variety of beverages, the Green Gala will feature brief highlights from MINA's projects, a silent auction, and many other activities that promises a memorable evening.

Last year's Green Gala was sold out, so organizers are encouraging those who plan to attend to buy their tickets early.

Tickets for the Green Gala event can be purchased at the MINA Office in Gualo Rai or from any of the volunteer board members.

There are four categories of sponsorship (Emerald, Title, Major, and Sponsor categories) that correspond to the value of companies' contribution. To become a sponsor of the event, contact Brooke Nevitt or Becky Furey at 233-REEF (7333), or email castro.fran@gmail.com. (MINA)



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BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS



Belated happy birthday to our baby girl, Lexie Lana Mendiola Lizama, who celebrated her birthday on Aug. 8, 2014. Mommy and Daddy love you very much! Lots of love from the Mendiola and Lizama families!

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Happy birthday, Destini Marie Tagabuel Adkins! May God bless you always. We love you. Aloha from Aunty Jojo and Uncle Shaun.

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Supporting the Marianas Tourism Education Council and the Docomo Pacific Golf Classic for the fifth year in a row, Bank of Hawaii vice president and island manager Hobbs Lowson presents a hole-in-one prize of \$10,000 to Docomo Pacific's Pauline Johnson, center, and James Nelson, right.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

5th Annual Docomo Pacific Golf Classic set for Aug. 30

The Marianas Tourism Education Council will be the beneficiary as Docomo Pacific will once again host the Docomo Pacific Golf Classic this coming Labor Day weekend. The tournament date is set for Saturday, Aug. 30, 2014, at the scenic Lao Lao Bay Golf & Resort with a tee time set at 7am.

"With our tourism industry headed in a positive direction, we must continue to reinforce the importance of our tourism industry to all, but most espe-

cially the generations that follow. It is vital that businesses, both large and small, support MTEC in its mission of developing tourism-related programs for our high school students," said James Nelson, Docomo Pacific's general manager.

This is the 5th year Docomo Pacific will host the tournament and the responses received from the business community have been great with more support from many of the island businesses on the way. Major sponsors First Hawaiian Bank, DFS Saipan Ltd. and the Tan Siu Lin Foundation have all stepped forward with their support again this year.

Calvo's Select Care has joined the Marianas Visitors Authority, Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, MarPac, Pacific Islands Club, PTC, Hyatt Regency Saipan, and Marianas Management Corp. as Classic sponsors.

Hole-in-one sponsors Bank

of Hawaii, Joeten Motors, Pacifica Insurance, and Triple J Motors have also lent their support with fantastic prizes of cash and cars. Dickerson & Quinn, Kautz Glass, Aqua Resort Club and Island Training Solutions are Classic contributors once again with more companies expected to contribute in the coming days. Media sponsors Sorenson Media Group, Marianas Variety, and *Saipan Tribune* will get the word out again this year.

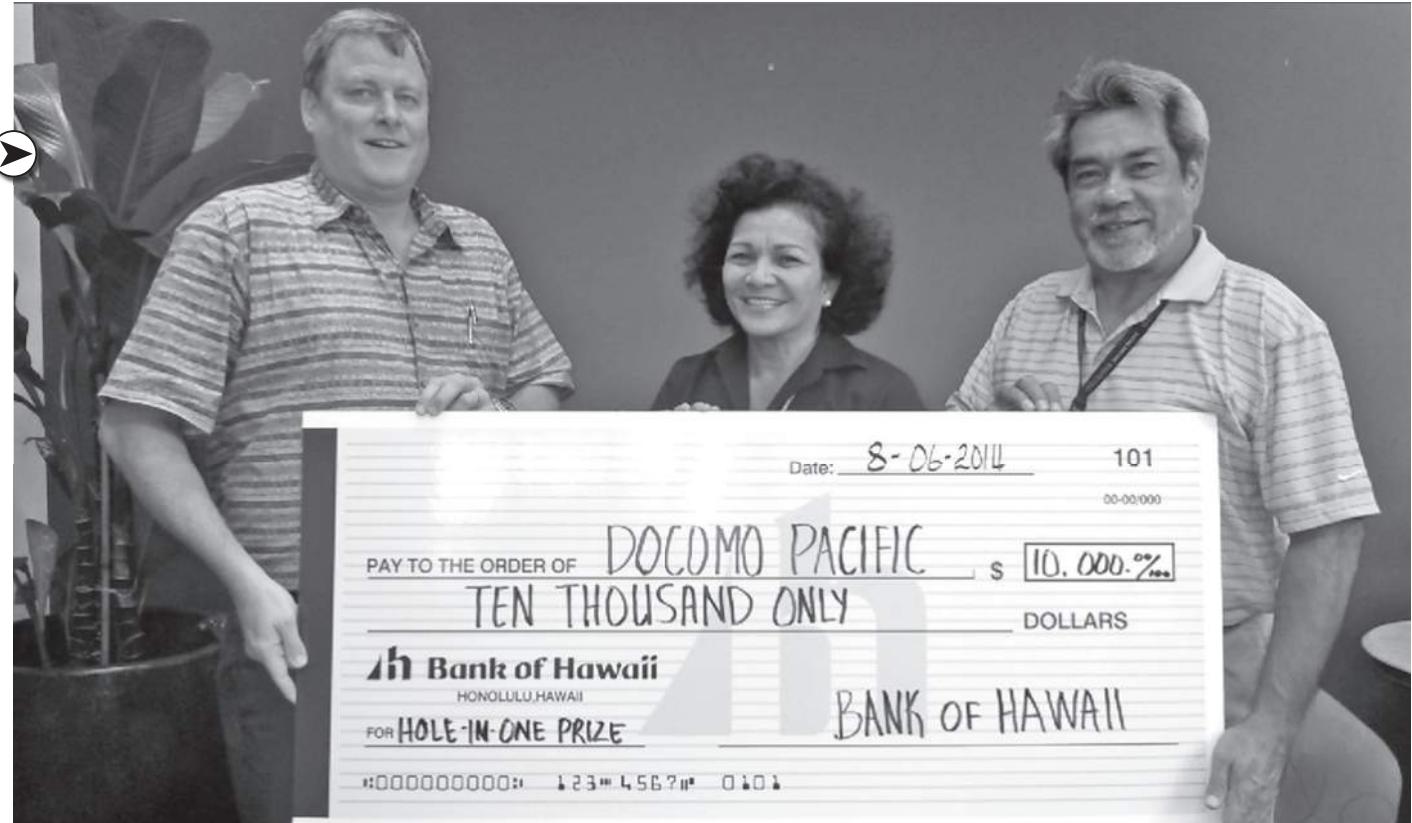
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"We must continue to do all we can to support non-profit organizations that have a di-



rect impact on tourism and our student community," added Nelson.

This year's entry fee remains the same as always at \$85 and includes cart and green fees, morning snacks, free flowing on-course refreshments, and awards banquet. And in classic tradition, participants can look forward to the morning snack station and hotdog and water-

melon stands out on the course.

Entry forms are available at the Docomo Pacific store on Middle Road in Gualo Rai. Entry fees are accepted at Docomo Pacific. Golfers are encouraged to enter as soon as possible. The deadline for entries is 5pm, Aug. 27. For more information, contact Nelson at (670)483-4924 or email jnelson@docomopacific.com. (*Docomo*)

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RFP NO.: RFQ14-CHCC(GSS)-121

SUBMISSION DATE: AUGUST 29, 2014 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"ON SITE MEDICAL AND CLINICAL WASTE SYSTEM FOR THE COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION"

The Scope of Work will be available on or after July 28, 2014 at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at Lower Base Drive during regular working hours.

Questions regarding this project may be submitted to Mr. Albert I. Ichihara, General Support Services, via e-mail to ichiharaalbert@gmail.com no later than the close of business, August 15, 2014.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals; in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfection in a bid in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All bids shall become the property of the CNMI government.

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

IN RE:) Civil Action
ESTATE OF) No. 14-0155
NESTOR OBNIALA) NOTICE OF HEARING
DUAZO) ON PETITION
) FOR LETTERS OF
) ADMINISTRATRIX
)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Petitioner, Guadalupe A. Flores, filed a Petition in the Superior Court praying that she be appointed Administratrix of the Estate of Nestor Obniala Duazo, deceased to determine the heirs of the decedent and distribute any assets of decedent. The attorney of record is Steven P. Pixley.

The hearing on the Petition is set for **September 16, 2014**, in a courtroom of the Superior Court, Susupe, Saipan, at 1:30 p.m. All interested person should appear at this hearing. All person having claims against the estate, or against the decedent should file their claims with the Clerk of Court for the Superior Court within sixty days after the first publication of this notice.

Dated this 31st day of July, 2014.

/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

NMHC hereby publicly discloses that on July 5, 2012, Antonio C. Cepeda, an immediate family member of Jennifer C. Camacho of NMHC, applied for assistance under the HOME Program.

Said applicant has been determined to be a member of a group or class of low-income persons intended to be beneficiaries of the assisted activity and is applying to receive generally the same benefits being made available to the group or class. Mrs. Jennifer C. Camacho is not and shall not be involved in the handling of this loan application.

NMHC discloses this possible conflict pursuant to 24 CFR 92.356 in order to allow any interested persons to comment before the application is considered for an exception under the applicable HOME Program conflict regulations. Any comments should be submitted to NMHC on or before August 22, 2014.

Dated this 8th day of August, 2014.

*/s/ JESSE S. PALACIOS
Corporate Director*

Procurement And Supply
CNMI Government

INVITATION FOR BID

IFB NO.: IFB14-CHCC-137(A-D)-CIF SAIPAN

Submission Date: September 12, 2014 • Time: 10:00 A.M.

"PURCHASE OF ELECTRIC HOSPITAL BEDS, BIRTHING BEDS, ICU BEDS AND NP100 PREVENTION SURFACE FOR THE COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION"

Copies of the specifications may be picked-up at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Dr., Saipan, during regular working hours.

Questions should be directed to Mr. Warren P. Villagomez, Hospital Emergency Preparedness Director at (670) 236-8762, or fax to (670) 236-8769 no later than the close of business, August 29, 2014.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals; in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfection in a bid in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All bids shall become the property of the CNMI government.

*/s/ ESTHER L. MUNA
Chief Executive Officer, CHCC* */s/ HERMAN S. SABLAM
Director, P&S*

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LPP MORTGAGE, LTD.

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

LPP MORTGAGE, LTD.) CIVIL ACTION
Plaintiff,) NO. 13-0237
-v-) NOTICE OF SALE
MICHAEL P. KILELEMAN,)
and JULITA ANN TAGABUEL,)
fka JULITA T. KILELEMAN,)
Defendants.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court on August 4, 2014, in this matter, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth herein below, all of the right, title, and interest of defendants Michael P. Kileleman and Julia Ann Tagabuel, fka Julia T. Kileleman, and in the following real property located at Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands:

LOT NO. 011 G 765 (commonly known as Kagman III, Lot No. 011 G 765, Saipan, MP 96950) containing an area of 811 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 011 G 17 dated December 3, 1993 and recorded December 9, 1993 as file no. 93-4285 at the office of the Commonwealth Register, Saipan.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on August 28, 2014, at the hour of 10:45 a.m., at the law offices of Mailman & Kara, LLC, 2nd Floor, Tan Marikita Bldg., Beach Road at Cpl. Derence Jack Street, Garapan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Inspection of Property. It is the responsibility of each bidder to inspect the property prior to the sale. Failure to inspect the property or any portion thereof will not constitute ground for any claim, adjustment, or rescission by any buyer.

Warranties and Covenants. All property listed for sale in this Notice will be sold in its current condition, and at its current location. The sale will be held without any warranties or covenants whatsoever, whether express or implied, including but not limited to warranties of title, merchantability, and/or fitness for any purpose whatsoever, all of which warranties and covenants are hereby disclaimed. Neither the undersigned nor the plaintiff may give any warranty or covenant for sale in this Notice. Neither the undersigned nor the plaintiff shall be liable for the quality of the property listed for sale in this Notice, or for any fault or defect in the description thereof. Buyers shall not be entitled to rescission, damages, or any other remedy on account thereof.

Confidential Sale.

a. Reserve. The auction sale may be held with reserve. The reserve price on any property offered for sale may or may not be disclosed to bidders, in the sole discretion of the undersigned.

b. Rights and Duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the laws, customs, and usages of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales, the undersigned shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale: (1) to withdraw the property listed for sale in this Notice before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted; (2) to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereto; and (3) to reject, on behalf of the seller, any or all bids, for any reason.

c. Bids. Bids may be submitted in advance for any or all of the property listed in this Notice. The highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Advance bids may be submitted only in writing, signed by the bidder, and delivered to the law offices of Mailman & Kara, LLC, 2nd Floor, Tan Marikita Bldg., Beach Road at Cpl. Derence Jack Street, Garapan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The bidder assumes all risk of non-delivery, late delivery, or mis-delivery of bids. Any person, including the plaintiff, may bid in person at the auction sale, whether or not such person has submitted an advance bid.

d. Disputes. The undersigned may resubmit any property listed in this Notice if a dispute arises as to any bid thereon.

Enforcement of Auction Sale.

a. Deposit. Every successful bidder shall pay to the undersigned a deposit ten percent (10%) of the purchase price immediately after the sale is consummated. Payment shall be in cash or by certified check. The balance must be paid to the plaintiff, in care of Mailman & Kara, LLC, within three (3) days from the date of sale, in cash or by certified check. If the balance is not so paid, plaintiff will retain the deposit as liquidated damages, and will again offer the property for sale.

b. Memorandum of Sale. If requested by the undersigned, every successful bidder must sign a Memorandum of Sale, immediately after the sale of any property is struck off at auction.

c. Court Approval. Every sale is subject to approval by the Court. The auctioneer makes no warranties or promises with respect to court approval of the sale, including but not limited to the time in which such approval may be granted. No delay in the granting of court approval shall be ground for any claim, adjustment, or rescission by any successful bidder. The successful bidder will be promptly notified when court approval is granted.

Change of Terms and Conditions. The undersigned and the plaintiff reserve the right to change any of the terms hereof by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on all bidders by constructive notice.

DATED, this 7th day of August, 2014.

/s/ RONNIE D. HODGES, Auctioneer

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BANK OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
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COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

BANK OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA,) CIVIL ACTION
Plaintiff,) NO. 13-0143
-v-) NOTICE OF SALE
MICHAEL P. KILELEMAN,)
and JULITA ANN TAGABUEL,)
fka JULITA T. KILELEMAN,)
Defendant.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court on July 2, 2014, in this matter, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth herein below, all of the right, title, and interest of defendant Lee Rodriguez fka Lee R. Francia in and to the following real property located at Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands:

LOT NO. 010 K 302 containing an area of 904 square meters, more or less, as more particularly shown on Drawing/Cadastral Plat 010 K 01, the original of which was recorded August 19, 1987 as file no. 87-2910 at the Office of the Commonwealth Register, Saipan.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on August 28, 2014, at the hour of 10:30 a.m., at the law offices of Mailman & Kara, LLC, 2nd Floor, Tan Marikita Bldg., Beach Road at Cpl. Derence Jack Street, Garapan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

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Warranties and Covenants. All property listed for sale in this Notice will be sold in its current condition, and at its current location. The sale will be held without any warranties or covenants whatsoever, whether express or implied, including but not limited to warranties of title, merchantability, and/or fitness for any purpose whatsoever, all of which warranties and covenants are hereby disclaimed. Neither the undersigned nor the plaintiff may give any warranty or covenant, express or implied, with respect to the property listed for sale in this Notice, or for any fault or defect in the description thereof. Buyers shall not be entitled to rescission, damages, or any other remedy on account thereof.

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CIA torture report needs to be released

More than a year and a half ago, the Senate Intelligence Committee approved a voluminous report on the CIA's detention and interrogation of suspected terrorists after 9/11. Those who have read the report say it concludes that the agency used brutal and sometimes unauthorized interrogation techniques, misled policymakers and the public, and sought to undermine congressional oversight. It also reportedly rejects the idea that waterboarding and other "enhanced interrogation techniques" (a euphemism for torture) produced information vital to preventing terrorist attacks.

The public has been unable to evaluate the committee's conclusions—or complaints by Republicans and the CIA that the report is flawed—but that was supposed to change this month with the release of a 480-page executive summary and a list of findings. Now, however, Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., the committee chairwoman, is delaying publication of the document "until further notice" while the committee studies "significant redactions" made by the Obama administration.

Director of National Intelligence James R. Clapper said the redactions were necessary to protect "sensitive classified information" and that half of the redactions were in the footnotes. He insisted that "the declassified document delivered to the committee will provide the public with a full view of the committee's report on the detention and interrogation program."

It's understandable if the public doesn't take Clapper's assurances at face value. After all, he is the official who answered "No, sir" when a senator asked him in March 2013 whether the National Security Agency collected data on "millions or hundreds of millions of Americans." A few months later, thanks to revelations by former NSA contractor Edward Snowden, Americans learned the government had been "bulk collecting" information about telephone calls.

As for the CIA, only last week Director John Brennan apologized to the Senate Intelligence Committee after the agency's inspector general concluded that CIA officials had improperly searched computers being used by committee staffers working on the detention and interrogation report. Given that, Americans will wonder if redactions made in the executive summary were designed to protect sources and methods or to spare the CIA from further embarrassment.

On Tuesday, Feinstein said the redactions "eliminate or obscure key facts that support the report's findings and conclusion," and sent a letter to President Obama proposing changes that she said would be necessary if the document were to be released. Obama, who acknowledged last week that "we tortured some folks" and that we "did some things that were contrary to our values," should respond positively.

The summary of the Senate Intelligence Committee report may be the best available account of how America lost its way. It has been kept from the public for too long.

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Eratz Israel

We are fans of Cecil de Mille who walked us through the *Ten Commandments* to see Moses looking like Charlton Heston and Egyptian emperors like Yul Brynner, young John Derek was Joshua, the sole guy who gets to cross into Canaan among originals from Egypt. We meet the name *Yoshua* again in the Greek *Iesu* called Jesus in Rome.

Otto Preminger's *Exodus* made us cheer for the birth of Zionist Israel in the movie adaptation of Leon Uris' novel. John Derek this time plays Taha, a Muslim *muktar*; hanged by extremist for assisting his blue-eyed Jewish friend, Paul Newman. The movie had a Hollywood ending, a hope for a Palestine of peace!

I grew up hearing again and again the replay of the Philippine vote in the United Nations that finally got Israel into the international body over the hump in vote count. In Filipino, the word for "traitor" when I was growing up was "Hudyó" (Jew), but carried by the human sentiment of backing up David in Goliath's backyard, I cheered the side of the "People of the Book," albeit condemned for its traitorous treatment of Jesus our hero in a 2,000-year-old story!

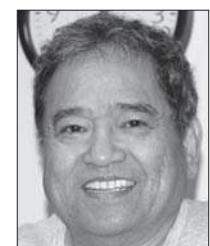
Now, in the Truman papers, we learn that the sense of justice for the little guy was not the only rationale at play. We now know that he supported the entry of Israel into the United Nations so that we would have a friend to protect our oil interest in the Muslim Middle East. Rothschild was not a name to trifle with.

Oil discovered in the Middle East was the property of the countries on them, but the technology and financing of drilling it off the ground, getting it to refineries to be distributed worldwide, and having the network of shipping lines to distribute the product had Texan fingerprints all over it. There were also the ancillary industries from its byproducts like plastic that needed development worldwide. American-dominated fossil fuel industry was neither going to run out of work nor profit.

For those of us steeped in the Judeo-Christian tradition, we

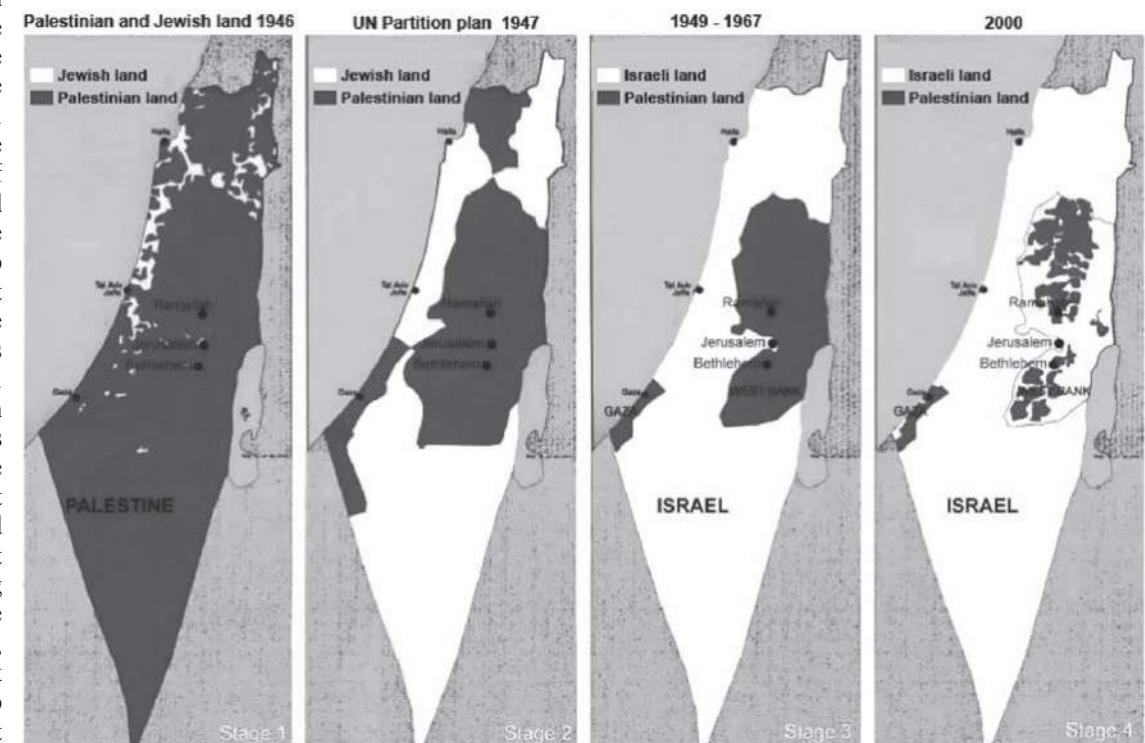
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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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know that *Eratz* Israel is an odd minority in the Muslim Middle East, experienced by Palestinian Arabs to be a schoolyard sissy turned relentless bully. After the Fall of Jerusalem during the Roman Empire, Israel disappeared into diaspora; the Crusades briefly had Jerusalem until the Prophet's hold of the Middle East became more permanent to the end of the Ottoman Empire when Europe took command of settlers and nomads.

Palestine's boundaries when the British took over were taken



straight out of the Books of Numbers and Jeremiah of the Bible, from the tip abut Lebanon, with a protrusion north in between Syria and the Golan Heights slightly north of Tyre's longitude, to the dagger tip desert that empties into the Gulf of Aqaba; west is

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EDITORIAL POLICY

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Settlement Fund's deeper hole

The CNMI has floated the idea of borrowing pension obligation bond to the tune of \$200 million to cushion what's now known as the Settlement Fund (retirement). The disastrous insolvency of the program is very troubling. It's saddled with some \$791 million in unfunded liability. Dizzying!

It seems there's the nervous political agenda to salvage a program leadership has royally driven into the ditch. For political expediency, it is set to overlook the needs for education, health and other social programs. Ever heard of the term priority?

But fees from the casino license have offered some breathing room that could turn stuffy sooner than we'd like. The fee covers the 25-percent cut by this administration 10 months ago. After the payment is made, it's back to square one!

We're dazed at the fiscally troubled Fund. Mirrored against woefully flat economic growth and stagnating revenues, it brings into focus whether the short and long-term requirements of the SF could be met. The obligation is spread out over a 10-year period.

The coming fiscal year that begins this October, the SF would need some \$27 million to pay the 75 percent pension pay for retirees without restoration of the 25 percent. Has Best Sunshine actually committed to defraying this cost (25 percent restoration) for the duration? If so, it means the SF needs \$35.1 million by this October! I'm speechless at the generosity to pay what was cut off retirees'

pension. But how long would this "gift" last?

Politicians forced the program into bankruptcy by piling obligations beyond financial sustainability. Adding salt to injury, previous program managers displayed an aura of invincibility, as though Santa Claus lives next door to douse fiscal indecisions. It engaged paying off the 30 percent bonus, created a housing program, loaned millions to other government agencies but never buckled down to do ocular review if the political excess baggage is sustainable. Why the persistence in digging a deeper bottomless hole? The SF is broke!

Furthermore, every governor avoided remitting what's owed the SF in what's known as "employer's contribution" or share of health and pension cost. It was done as though the debt would disappear like morning dew. Well, it's still here to the tune of \$791 million in unfunded liabilities. We're in for some nasty juggling of scarce funds. Is negligence and apathy the new culture now?

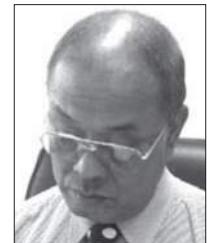
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It's hard perceiving the lack of foresight to double down efforts cautiously gauging the performance of the program beyond hollow, politically convenient agenda. It resembles the equivalence of a perfect jihadist agenda to bankrupt the program at all cost. You succeeded royally too! Your indecisions now impose hardship on some 3,800 families. Singing the suspect *You Are My Sunshine* isn't

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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going to rebuild the SF that has gone completely broke! If you find miracles in the near term, please share it with the rest of us.

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If I recall, U.S. Social Security was designed with drawdown of benefits at a certain age. Here, it's open sesame for as long as you fulfilled 20 years of service. So assuming that you retire at age 40 you'd be collecting your loot for the next 20-30 years beyond your contribution. Had benchmarks been imposed, then there would be a better chance the SF could withstand the blows of the bad times. Somehow we have a hard time disposing of a bad hangover from the boom years. Eh, financial famine is here and it's hitting every family pocketbook by the penny!

When life was simple

With retirement, you'd think there would be greater ease meeting your basic needs in your golden years. It has been the complete opposite. We now recite, "Mirror, mirror on the wall," would we receive our next haul?

Conveniences in entitlements are great "while they last" especially when someone else is paying for them. Once it fades we return once more to square one. Yes, I yearn for the days when we walk to school with empty tummies or bend down to fix our old zoris that just snapped in the rain or brave gobbling cattle salt and stolen string beans from the school garden for lunch. We never asked for anything else. Life was simple!

We didn't have iPhones, iPads, Kindle or laptops. We had machetes and sickles to clear weeds at the family farm. We didn't even have a landline phone at home for it was a luxury. We did things together as a family that ended with a nightly rosary before hitting the books. Now, kids do what pleases them.

I'd quietly ponder how these kids would survive if a serious disaster ends even employment for their parents. Do they know how to work in the garden, fish, or something constructive in food gathering? Indeed, there's the generational shift that still requires parents to cautiously navigate strengthening value systems for their children. Firing text messages between kids and parents ends all vital family conversations.

Didn't even have to worry about color coordinates in wardrobe. If it's clean put it on and get to class or catechism, never mind that your shirt is red and short pants yellow. Yep! We learned survival in everything we did in the early '60s. It was traditional value system that held us together even to this day. We know exactly when to impose discipline for the guys and gals. I'm not protesting what kids have these days. It's a generational shift!

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It's a challenge growing up during those days when you know deep in your conscience that there's something greater than the daily miseries of abject poverty. We weren't sure what it was but we never gave up searching for brighter tomorrows. We did everything including studying by makeshift lantern, waking up the next day with ashes in our nostrils.

countered the influence of secular socialist Fatah of Arafat's PLO, so Israel "supported" Hamas until they defeated Fatah in the Gaza area. Fatah kept its grip on the West Bank. Now, Hamas' Gaza sends missiles toward Israel while Israel pounds Gaza in attempts to destroy tunnels where militants hide.

Before the conflagration, Egypt and Israel imposed an embargo on Gaza because of Hamas; to expect Tel Aviv and Cairo to lift the quarantine is like expecting Guinea, Sierra Leone, and Liberia to be rid of the Ebola virus quickly, thank you. To expect Gaza to demilitarize is like asking Americans to be rid of their handguns. Both are virtual impossibilities. Israel is winning the PR war, though. It claims that each time a ceasefire is raised, the Israelites "cease" and the Palestinians "fire." However, the movie *Exodus* notwithstanding, Israel is no nation of peace!

It's a messy war in Gaza where "revenge" is the motivational currency in use. At the end of the 72-hour humanitarian truce, the shooting war is on again. Current attrition score: Palestinians, 2,000-plus; Israel, 80. *Eratz Israel* represents U.S. in the Middle East, clearly intending to leave the whole of Palestine in the afore-printed map all white.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why are the 98 candidates so afraid of the dreaded 'f' word?

Just think, if you 98 were northern islanders, you could elect one of you by a wide margin as mayor. There are just too many of candidates to check every one. I've looked into 20 or so, and there isn't much information on the web about you. I'm sure you are all well-meaning, most of you are honest I'm sure, and, we hope most of you really do want to help more than just your family members. To those that have absolutely no qualifications of any kind but just want the overblown paycheck, you should withdraw.

Try as I might, I just can't find anything, anywhere, in or on, any of the pamphlets, platforms, promises, billboards, newspaper articles or on the radio, TV or the Web, a single utterance of the dreaded 'f' word. There are 98 of you running, asking for votes, support, donations, "please vote for me," "please elect me" and "I promise I will..." but not one of you have uttered the dreaded 'f' word. Amazing since there are 3,000 to 4,000 "F"ilipino-Americans, Chinese-Americans, Japanese, Korean, haole, Chuukese, Palauan and other, American, eligible voters in the CNMI. Why is it so hard for you to actually say it? Hundreds of Chamorros are married to other nationalities but at election time especially, everyone else in the CNMI is totally excluded. It's 2014 candidates and the ones that reach out just might win this thing. Filipino-Americans, Chinese-Americans and other "American" nationalities are people too, with the same inalienable rights as Chamorros since 1975 when 78 percent of you voted for this Commonwealth status.

Hey, new CUC board members

I'm sure Evelyn Mendiola and Eric Cruz are nice people. What I don't know and can't find out is if they know anything at all, or have had any experience at all with a public utility. CUC's problems are many and mostly centered around old generating equipment, dilapidated transmission grids, and lack of any real management. The men and women that get out and do the actual work know their jobs; Mr. Fletcher knows his job. The problem seems to lie in between these two and between Fletcher and the Legislature. To say CUC is politicized is like saying the pope is Catholic. There doesn't seem to be any middle management that is qualified to run a public utility. The government keeps appointing people, nice people I'm sure, but people that know zip about running a public utility. The politicos keep passing insane laws giving too much for nothing, then demanding that CUC live within its means. So here comes the two new CUC board members, both saying they are going to reduce the cost of power to the consumer without saying they are going to ask people to "bite the bullet" and pay at least what it actually costs to produce. Without educated, worldly people, in this case, people that have actually worked in supervisory positions at a public utility somewhere, other than in the CNMI, stupid again, stupid again, stupid again.

Doesn't anyone know what's really happening at MVA?

Here is an excerpt from the CNMI 2009-2014 Master Plan report.

A little over two decades ago, between 1986 and 1991, the annual economic growth of the...[CNMI] reached an unprecedented 16 percent. Thus, in the short span of three years, the CNMI lost one-third of its economy, one that took 20 years to build.

I'm not going back there right now but this next excerpt demands attention. By its very nature, tourism is fragile, seasonal, and is dependent on stable air service. Affected by events beyond the control of the local government and others stakeholders on the islands, tourism can rise or drop depending on the weather, regional economic conditions in tourism source markets, world political instability, terrorism, competition, accessibility and cost of labor, fuel prices, and stability of international and interisland transportation. Of all the factors mentioned above, unstable air service has had the largest impact of all.

This is BS. If airlines have people to move, they fly. Blaming the airlines for the problems of the CNMI is ludicrous. Since we can't seem to get an educated, trained and experienced head of MVA willing to put in the 80-hour weeks necessary to do this job, maybe, just maybe, it's time to take this No. 1 important position out of the politicos' hands and give it to the hotel association and let them hire the directors. Stop blaming everything on something or someone else. We don't have qualified people for most of the important positions in our government, nor have we had qualified governors doing the appointing. The hotels have a stake in the future of the CNMI, let them run it under MVA.

Gary DuBrall
Chalan Piao, Saipan

ERATZ ISRAEL

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the Mediterranean and the River Jordan holds the east.

The Palestine in 1946 had pockets of Jewish settlements, though Jewish experience in Nazi's Holocaust accelerated membership to the Zionist movement that relieved the "traitor's" reputation in Europe, gained a wider sympathy from the guilt re the European genocide, and allowed the massive migration of Semitic Jews to Palestine. British partition of 1947 met the upper lip sense of equity but did not serve anyone's interest. It was artificial. The surrounding Arabs did not recognize the partition that relegated Palestinians to half of the land area with half identified to be Jewish territory. (See accompanying map in four stages from 1946 to 2000.)

Clearly, Israel's restraint in "occupying" territories is nonexistent. Meanwhile, the Muslim Brotherhood got organized in the Middle East, temporarily ruled Egypt until the U.S.-trained and supported military decided that Sharia law was not going to be the nation's rule of law.

One of the Muslim Brotherhood's offspring is Hamas in Gaza, an acronym of *Harakat al-Muqāwamat al-Islāmiyyah*, meaning "Islamic Resistance Movement." Religious Hamas

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				
Partly sunny with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds around 10 mph	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Light and variable winds.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

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Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲ 83 ▾ 77
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲ 80 ▾ 78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲ 81 ▾ 79
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 82 ▾ 80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲ 83 ▾ 79
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲ 83 ▾ 79
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲ 82 ▾ 79

Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲ 58 ▾ 51
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲ 92 ▾ 68
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	▲ 87 ▾ 82
Honolulu	Showers	▲ 87 ▾ 77
London	Showers	▲ 70 ▾ 56
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲ 86 ▾ 64
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲ 87 ▾ 78
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲ 53 ▾ 39
Miami	Thundershowers	▲ 89 ▾ 78
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲ 85 ▾ 68
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	▲ 89 ▾ 71
Paris	Showers	▲ 72 ▾ 57
Pusan	Sunny	▲ 81 ▾ 72
Rome	Sunny	▲ 90 ▾ 70
Salem	Sunny	▲ 97 ▾ 63
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 66 ▾ 57
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲ 84 ▾ 67
Tokyo	Mostly Sunny	▲ 89 ▾ 76
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲ 84 ▾ 66

Tides

Sunrise/Sunset

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	6:02 AM	6:43 PM	Today	7:01 PM	6:09 AM
Tuesday	6:02 AM	6:42 PM	Tuesday	7:52 PM	7:11 AM
Wednesday	6:02 AM	6:42 PM	Wednesday	8:41 PM	8:12 AM
Thursday	6:02 AM	6:41 PM	Thursday	9:29 PM	9:12 AM
Friday	6:02 AM	6:41 PM	Friday	10:16 PM	10:09 AM

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SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm	6, 7 via Rota
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm	1, 5
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm	2, 4
UA5078	7:05pm	7:55pm	1, 5
UA5040	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5078	10:50pm	11:40pm	1, 5

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	1:10pm	2:00pm	6, 7
UA5038	1:10pm	2:50pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 5
UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm	1, 5
UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm	1, 5

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm	6, 7
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GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm	2, 4
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ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm	6, 7
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ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5038	2:15pm	2:50pm	2, 4
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SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)

DL287	6:05am	11:15pm	2, 4, 6 via NRT
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PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN

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Business

Malaysia plans overhaul of national airline

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)—Malaysia's state investment company said Friday it plans to make Malaysia Airlines fully government owned, removing it from the country's stock exchange before carrying out an overhaul of the carrier that is reeling from double disasters.

BoG founding board member resigns

» '42-year board member will be missed'

HAGATNA, Guam—Bank Guam Holding Co. has received and accepted the voluntary resignation of one of its founding board members, Dr. Luis G. Camacho.

Dr. Camacho, one of Guam's first dentists and its first orthodontist, served on a number of boards, including being the president of the Guam Dental Society and being on the boards of the Guam Board of Dental Examiners and the Guam Shopping Center.

Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, BankGuam Holding Co. board chair, president and chief executive officer, stated, "Dr.



Camacho

providing astute guidance during its most challenging of times. On behalf of the board, management and staff, we are profoundly thankful for his dedication, loyalty and wisdom.

On a personal note, I will miss Dr. Camacho. He supported my father's vision over 42 years ago, and was steadfast in his support for a strong and growing local bank. I am happy that he has helped to guide our growth and witnessed our enduring success." (BoG)

ringgit (\$429 million).

Malaysia Airlines has been hit by two major disasters this year, which added to its long-standing financial woes.

In March, Flight 370 from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing disappeared with 239 people on board after flying far off course.

The plane has still not been found, with a search in the southern Indian Ocean underway. In July, 298 people were killed when Flight 17 was shot down over Ukraine. It was heading to Kuala Lumpur from Amsterdam and was shot out of the sky over an area of eastern

Ukraine controlled by pro-Russian separatists.

Khazanah said the state takeover will represent the first stage of a "complete overhaul" of the loss-making airline, and that detailed plans will be announced by the end of this month.

"The proposed restructuring

will critically require all parties to work closely together," it said in a statement. "Nothing less will be required in order to revive our national airline to be profitable as a commercial entity and to serve its function as a critical national development entity."



Passengers stand in front of information desk at Kuala Lumpur International Airport in Sepang, Malaysia, Friday, Aug. 8, 2014.

AP

Ebola starting to take an economic toll in region

WASHINGTON

(AP)—Caterpillar has evacuated a handful of employees from Liberia. Canadian Overseas Petroleum Ltd. has suspended a drilling project. British Airways has canceled flights to the region. ExxonMobil and Chevron are waiting to see whether health officials can contain the danger.

The Ebola outbreak, which has claimed nearly 1,000 lives, is disrupting business and inflicting economic damage in the three African countries at the center of the crisis: Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia. So far, analysts say the crisis doesn't threaten the broader African or global economies.

"We must make sure it is controlled and contained as quickly as possible," said Olusegun Aganga, trade minister in Nigeria, which has confirmed nine cases of Ebola. "Once that is done, I don't think it will have a lasting impact on the economy."

The World Health Organization on Friday declared the outbreak an international public health emergency. The WHO didn't recommend any travel or trade bans. But it cautioned anyone who had had close contact with Ebola patients to avoid international travel and urged exit screenings at international

airports and border crossings.

"When you have a widespread outbreak of Ebola, you can end up with a panic," said John Campbell, senior fellow for Africa studies at the Council on Foreign Relations. "People won't go to work. Expatriates will leave. Economic activity will slow. Fields won't get planted."

The World Bank estimates that the outbreak will shrink economic growth in Guinea, where the crisis emerged in March, from 4.5 percent to 3.5 percent this year.

Ama Egyaba Baidu-Forson, an economist at IHS Global Insight who focuses on sub-Saharan Africa, is cutting her forecasts for growth this year in Liberia and Sierra Leone. She warned that prices would rise as food and other staples become scarce and that the region's already fragile governments would run up big budget deficits in fighting Ebola.

Baidu-Forson says the countries hit by Ebola ultimately could require financial help from the International Monetary Fund.

In the meantime, multinational companies that do business in the resource-rich region are scrambling to respond to the crisis. Among them:

■ Heavy equipment manufacturer Caterpillar Inc., based in Peoria, Illinois, has "evacuated less than 10 people" from Liberia, company spokeswoman Barbara Cox said by email. In a statement, Caterpillar said: "The health and safety of our people is our top priority.... We will continue to monitor the situation closely."

■ British Airways has announced that it's suspending flights to and from Liberia and Sierra Leone through Aug. 31 "due to the deteriorating public health situation in both countries."

■ Tawana Resources, an Australian iron-ore company, said it had suspended "all non-essential field activities within Liberia" and sent all non-essential African workers, expatriates and contractors home.

■ London-based mining company African Minerals has begun imposing health checks and travel restrictions on employees in the region.

■ Canadian Overseas Petroleum, based in Calgary, has stopped drilling in Liberia. And some of its expatriate employees have left the country.

■ ExxonMobil said in a statement that its offices remain open and that "we're taking precautions to ensure the health

and safety of our employees." The company has offices in Liberia, Nigeria and several other African nations.

■ Chevron, which has an office in the Liberian capital of Monrovia and is in the process of exploring for oil off Liberia's coast, said it's "closely monitoring the outbreak of Ebola virus in West Africa." But the company wouldn't say whether it was withdrawing any employees or taking any other steps as a result of the outbreak.

So far, the economic damage has not affected West Africa's biggest economy, Nigeria's, though the disease has already spread to that country.

"It's not stopped commerce; it's not stopped buying," said Danladi Verheijen, managing director of the investment firm Verod Capital. "The flights are still full going into Nigeria."

Timi Austen-Peters, chairman of the Nigerian engineering and manufacturing firm Dorman Long, met in Washington on Friday with investors who were interested in Africa. Ebola, he says, didn't come up in the discussion.

"We were having a good old-fashioned business meeting," he says. "They were not in any way spooked."

Volkswagen recalls some Tiguan

NEW YORK (AP)—Volkswagen of America is recalling 151,389 Tiguan SUVs due to the possibility of stalling. No accidents or injuries have been reported. The problem is with fuel pumps on some models from 2009 to 2014. Gas bubbles may form in the fuel system when winterized fuel is used in warmer months.

Nation

As bombs fall over Iraq, old emotions rise in US

By JESSE WASHINGTON
AP NATIONAL WRITER

It was supposed to be over, America's war in Iraq. So all the old emotions boiled up anew as Americans absorbed the news that U.S. bombs were again striking targets in the nation where the United States led an invasion in 2003, lost almost 4,500 troops in the fight to stabilize and liberate it and then left nearly three years ago.

In interviews across the country, from the 9/11 memorial in New York to the Iowa State Fair and an Arizona war monument, Americans voiced conflicted feelings as airstrikes began Friday, ordered by President Barack Obama who had fulfilled a campaign promise when he withdrew the last U.S. forces from Iraq in 2011.

Many supporting the decision to bomb now did so for contrasting reasons. Those opposed said the U.S. never should have invaded Iraq in the first place, but they also struggled with America's obligation to the ravaged, upended nation, which has endured violence between rival Islamic sects and, recently, the ruthless onslaught of the militant group calling itself the Islamic State.

There was one constant across Americans' opinions: Nobody could envision a concrete solution to Iraq's problems.

Neil McCanon, who was deployed to Iraq for four months



President Barack Obama speaks on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington, Saturday, Aug. 9, 2014, about ongoing situation in Iraq before his departure on Marine One for a vacation in Martha's Vineyard. Obama announced late Thursday that he had ordered military airstrikes in northern Iraq to hold off Islamic State forces advancing on the Kurdish capital of Irbil. AP

Company.

One of the main reasons McCanon voted for Obama was because he promised to end the war. He trusts Obama's pledge not to send ground troops, but where exactly to draw the line about the use of force remains an open question for him.

"That's something I'm just conflicted on as a soldier and someone who spent time there. I don't want the place to fall into chaos," McCanon said.

Tom Lord, a 60-year-old retired firefighter from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, who was visit-

ing Manhattan's 9/11 memorial Friday, said he supports the new bombing, even though he disagrees with most of Obama's other decisions.

"I would hope they send troops, but I don't believe Obama will. We need to go over there and establish peace again, or at least try to," he said.

Lord supported the original 2003 invasion. He thought the latest problems were a result of Obama pulling troops out too soon: "They needed to train up the Iraqis more than they did. They pulled out way too soon

and now look what happened."

"There's a direct connection to that and what is happening now," Lord said, speaking near the South Tower reflecting pool, with the sound of rushing waterfalls in the background. "When you have a void, terrorists are going to fill it in."

"The U.S. needs to play mother over everybody else to lead them and guide them and take care of them," he added.

Does that mean America is still responsible for protecting Iraq, years after handing the country control of its own future?



as an armored crewman in the Army, said the U.S. should not have gone into Iraq in 2003. "I felt like it was not really justified, and it was proven to be unjustified after we got there," he said, referring to the never-found Iraqi weapons of mass destruction, the alleged threat cited to justify the war.

But he thought Friday's airstrikes, which targeted Islamic State militants who have conquered swaths of Iraq and Syria, were the right thing to do.

"These are bad guys, there's no question about that. The only question is where do we use force and how much, I guess," said McCanon, who now is co-owner of the Virginia Beach-based Young Veterans Brewing

Washington teenager arrested in 6-year-old's death

BREMERTON, Wash. (AP)—A 17-year-old has been arrested in the death and sexual assault of a 6-year-old girl whose body was found near the Washington state mobile home park she vanished from last weekend, authorities said.

The boy was arrested Saturday without incident by deputies and FBI agents at his home in the same Bremerton-area mobile home park, Kitsap County sheriff's Detective Earl Smith said at a news conference.

The Washington state crime lab made positive confirmation of the suspect through forensic evidence. Earlier in the week, the sheriff's office had collected DNA cheek swabs from dozens of nearby residents.

Smith said Saturday that the boy was being interviewed and will be booked with second-degree murder, manslaughter and rape in the girl's death.

The family of Jenise Wright was notified of the arrest about an hour after it took place. A growing memorial at the entrance to the neighborhood includes silver balloons, stuffed animals, lit candles and flowers.

"There's a lot of grief," Sheriff's Office spokesman Scott Wilson told The Seattle Times.

Wilson said he wasn't sure if the suspect and Jenise knew each other. He pointed out that the community in and around the trailer park was small.

The FBI's Specialty Search Dogs Unit discovered Jenise's body on Thursday amid thick brush in a nearby wooded area. Volunteer canine search teams had previously reported that their dogs had showed interest in a particular area.

Jenise was last seen when she went to bed on the night of Aug. 2. Her parents waited

a day before calling for help because they say the girl had wandered around the Steele Creek Mobile Home Park on her own in the past.

Officials have said that there were no signs of forced entry at Jenise's home and no indication she was taken from her room.

Hundreds of people, including officers from 15 law enforcement agencies, searched for Jenise and went door to door at the mobile home park on the west side of Puget Sound, across from Seattle. They also pulled surveillance video from nearby businesses and checked in with sex offenders in the county.



This undated file photo provided by the FBI shows Jenise Wright. AP

US bots flagged Ebola before outbreak announced

BOSTON (AP)—The Ebola outbreak in West Africa is focusing a spotlight on an online tool run by experts in Boston that flagged a "mystery hemorrhagic fever" in forested areas of southeastern Guinea nine days before the World Health Organization formally announced the epidemic.

HealthMap uses algorithms to scour tens of thousands of social media sites, local news,

government websites, infectious-disease physicians' social networks and other sources to detect and track disease outbreaks. Sophisticated software filters irrelevant data, classifies the relevant information, identifies diseases and maps their locations with the help of experts.

"It shows some of these informal sources are helping paint a picture of what's happening that's useful to these public

health agencies," HealthMap co-founder John Brownstein said.

HealthMap is operated by a group of 45 researchers, epidemiologists and software developers at Boston Children's Hospital.

The tool was introduced in 2006 with a core audience of public health specialists, but that changed as the system evolved and the public became increasingly hungry for information during the swine flu pandemic.

HealthMap generates information that includes locations of specific outbreaks and tracks new cases and deaths. The system is also capable of logging public sentiment.

The Ebola outbreak, the largest and longest ever recorded for the disease, has so far killed more than 950 people. It emerged in Guinea in March and has since spread to Sierra Leone, Liberia and Nigeria.

US launches 4 airstrikes against Iraqi militants

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. military says American jet fighters and drones have conducted four more airstrikes on Islamic militants in Iraq, taking out armored carriers and a truck that were firing on civilians.

U.S. Central Command says the Islamic State militants were firing on Yazidi civilians taking shelter in the Sinjar mountains. In a statement, the military says the militants were firing on civilians indiscriminately.

Central Command says the strikes near Sinjar were spread out, with three before noon Eastern Daylight Time on Saturday and one about 3 p.m.

The military says indications suggest that the strikes were successful in destroying the armored vehicles.

This is the third round of airstrikes against Islamic State forces by the U.S. military since they were authorized by President Barack Obama.

US oversees its 3rd airdrop of supplies in Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. military has dropped food and water for a third time to thousands of Iraqi refugees stranded on Mount Sinjar.

U.S. Central Command said in a statement Saturday night that the latest airdrop involved planes from multiple air bases and included one C-17 and two C-130 cargo planes. Fighter aircraft flew in support of the airdrop.

Officials say the aircraft delivered 72 bundles of supplies, including more than 3,800 gallons of water and more than 16,000 meals.

Earlier Saturday, U.S. officials said that American fighter jets conducted four airstrikes against Iraqi militants firing on civilians in the Sinjar area.

Central Command says the U.S. military will continue to work with the State Department, the Iraqi government, the United Nations and others to assess the need for additional humanitarian aid.

Asia

Them's fighting words! The politics of place names

By KEN MORITSUGU

ASSOCIATED PRESS

TOKYO (AP)—Is it the Persian Gulf or the Arabian Gulf? Mount McKinley or Denali? Mumbai or Bombay?

Some geographic names don't just tell us where we live or where we're going. They're also a political statement, or in the eyes of some, a politically incorrect one. They may not spark a war of the worlds, but they can cause a war of words.

China struck back last week after Japan slapped monikers on 158 previously unnamed islands off its shores. Five of them are part of a cluster that both nations claim and is itself the subject of a name dispute: Is it the Senkaku or the Diaoyu islands?

"No unilateral action undertaken by Japan can change the fact that Diaoyu and its surrounding islands belong to China," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang said, using his country's name for the remote tropical islands in the East China Sea.

One of the most cited examples is a 1970s feud over Cyprus that played out in a United Nations forum. It started after Turkey occupied the northern part of the Mediterranean island, and replaced Greek names for villages with Turkish ones.

In a letter to the U.N. conference on geographic names, Cyprus accused Turkey of committing "all kinds of unprecedented atrocities" against the Greek population, according to retired Israeli cartographer Nafatali Kadmon, who reviewed the official documents.

"They demonstrate that geographical names can constitute explosive items or, in popular terms, hot potatoes," he wrote in a 2004 article for *The Cartographic Journal* in Britain.



This July 20, 2011 file aerial photo, taken through the window of a closed aircraft, shows Pag-asa Island, part of the disputed Spratly group of islands, in the South China Sea located off the coast of western Philippines.

AP

ers usually change them back if and when they get a chance."

Saigon became Ho Chi Minh City in 1976 after the North defeated the South and its American allies in the Vietnam War.

Since 1984, it's been Burkina Faso, not Upper Volta, or Haute-Volta, as its former French rulers dubbed the West African state.

In India, part of Britain's former empire, Bombay became Mumbai in 1995, and the southern city of Madras was renamed Chennai the following year.

Politicians sometimes make these changes to stir national or ethnic pride, and some in Mumbai still feel uncomfortable with the name change, which was carried out by a nativist party that rose to power after stoking deadly anti-Muslim riots in the city, said Naresh Fernandes, the author of "City Adrift: A Short

Biography of Bombay."

"Given the bloody circumstances in which the name was changed, the word Mumbai now smells to me of gloating triumphalism, and I always call the city Bombay," said Fernandes, who covered the name change as a reporter for The Associated Press in 1995.

East Asian waters are dotted with islands claimed by more than one country, putting even the names of the seas in dispute.

South Korea gained a victory this year when the U.S. state of Virginia, pressured by Korean Americans, agreed that new school textbooks should note that the Sea of Japan is also known as the East Sea, the name it prefers for the waters between the two countries.

The Philippines, locked in disputes with China over several islands and reefs, proclaimed

in 2012 that part of the South China Sea would henceforth be called the West Philippine Sea.

For Japan, it was the act of naming the 158 islands last week that mattered, not the actual names. Now most of the 500 islands used to define the extent of Japan's territorial waters have been named.

"It's a rather unique meganaming gambit to lay claim to uninhabited islands, reflecting Tokyo's concern that Beijing might name and claim for itself," said Jeff Kingston, a professor of contemporary Japan at Temple University's campus in Tokyo.

Most of the islands are tiny outcroppings whose one requirement is that their highest point remains above water at high tide. About half of them had names used by fishermen and others, and the

government adopted those as the official ones. The others, mainly in more remote waters, were given generic directional names such as Southeast Small Island, indicating their location relative to other geographic features.

The exercise has brought to light some unusual names. An island off the Pacific coast in western Japan is called Soviet Island, though it is nowhere near Russia. The island, which sits about 500 meters (yards) offshore, is a popular fishing ground. Toshio Horitani, an official in Susami, the nearest town, described it as the size of a living room, and said people can stand on it when the water is calm.

There's no record of how it got its name.

"I believe people meant it's so far away, like (the) Soviet (Union), because it's the furthest from the shore," said Horitani, who has been fielding calls from journalists asking about the name's origins.

Name changes can cause diplomatic angst. The then-military government changed Burma to Myanmar in 1989, but the U.S. still refers to it in official documents as Burma, a name preferred by some in the Southeast Asian country's opposition. On a visit in late 2012, President Barack Obama used "Myanmar" when talking to the president, but "Burma" in a meeting with opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi.

"We've said we recognize that different people call this country by different names," U.S. Deputy National Security Adviser Ben Rhodes told reporters afterward. "Our view is that is something we can continue to discuss."

As elsewhere in the world, the debate goes on.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Tiger carries away woman in eastern India

KOLKATA, India (AP)—A tiger snatched a woman and disappeared into the surrounding mangrove forest in the eastern Indian state of West Bengal, an official said Saturday. The woman, her husband and a boat driver were trying to catch crabs in a shallow river near the Pirkhali Forest when the tiger jumped on her and dragged her into the wilderness, said forest official Nabin Chandra Bahuguna. After the husband reported Friday's attack, forest guards searched for the woman, but as of Saturday had found no trace. The area where the attack occurred is in the Sunderbans, India's vast and tangled mangrove forest where the Ganges River empties into the Bay of Bengal.

Cleric says 7 supporters killed in Pakistan clash

LAHORE, Pakistan (AP)—Fighting between Pakistani security forces and supporters of a fiery anti-government cleric killed seven people as they were heading towards a planned demonstration in the city Lahore, the cleric claimed Saturday. Authorities have contested the cleric's claim and put the death toll from clashes to two, including one police officer. Cleric Tahir-ul-Qadri, who led anti-corruption protests in January 2013 that paralyzed Pakistan's capital, has a network of mosques and religious centers across the country. His supporters briefly abducted six police officers in the fighting, which began Friday in Punjab province and continued into the next morning.

Tibet tour bus plummets into valley, killing 44

BEIJING (AP)—A tour bus on a highway in Tibet fell off a 10-meter (30-foot) cliff after crashing into an SUV and a pickup, killing 44 people and injuring 11 others, China's state media reported Sunday. The bus was carrying 50 people when it plunged in mountainous southern Tibet on Saturday afternoon, the Xinhua News Agency said, citing the regional government. The crash happened in Nyalmo county, about 90 kilometers (60 miles) from Lhasa, Tibet's capital. Most of the passengers were from four Chinese provinces. There were four people in the SUV and a truck driver, but their condition was unclear.

China: 18 people surrender after Xinjiang violence

BEIJING (AP)—Chinese state media said Sunday that 18 people who took part in violence that killed dozens near the country's border with Pakistan have handed themselves in to police. Authorities say a terrorist gang attacked a police station and government buildings in Shache county near Kashgar on July 28, killing 37 people before police shot dead 59 of the attackers. Xinjiang has experienced rising unrest in recent months blamed on militants from the region's native Muslim Turkic Uighur ethnic group who are seeking to overthrow Chinese rule. Of the 37 civilians who were killed, 35 were Han Chinese and two were Uighur, according to the official Xinhua News Agency. No information on the attackers has been released.

Weakened typhoon lashes Japan; 1 dead, dozens hurt

TOKYO (AP)—A tropical storm was moving out into the Sea of Japan on Sunday after lashing the country with rain and winds, leaving one person dead, more than 50 injured and prompting evacuation alerts for about 1.2 million residents near swollen rivers. Tropical Storm Halong disrupted land and air traffic as Japan began its annual "Obon" Buddhist holiday week. The storm-hit Japan was also shaken Sunday afternoon by a magnitude-6.1 earthquake that struck off the northeastern coast near Aomori. There was no danger of a tsunami, and no damage or injuries have been reported. The Nuclear Regulation Authority said nuclear facilities in the area remained intact.

Nagasaki mayor questions policy on A-bomb day

TOKYO (AP)—The mayor of Nagasaki on Saturday criticized Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's push toward Japan's more assertive defense policy, as the city marked the 69th anniversary of the atomic bombing. In his "peace declaration" speech at the ceremony in Nagasaki's Peace Park, Mayor Tomihisa Taue urged Abe's government to listen to growing public concerns over Japan's commitment to its pacifist pledge. Thousands of attendants, including U.S. Ambassador Caroline Kennedy and a record number of representatives from 51 countries, offered a minute of silence and prayed for the victims at 11:02 a.m., the moment the bomb was dropped over Nagasaki on Aug. 9, 1945, as bells rang.

World

Palestinians to quit Gaza talks if Israel no-show

CAIRO (AP)—Palestinian negotiators threatened to quit Egyptian-brokered Gaza war truce talks Sunday unless Israeli negotiators return to Cairo—the latest sign of the vast gaps between the sides on a new border deal for the blockaded territory.

Israeli officials have said their negotiators, who left Egypt on Friday, only will return if the rocket fire from Gaza stops.

Hamas has refused to extend a temporary truce that helped launch the Cairo talks last week,

AP
Palestinians remove a body from under the rubble of al-Qassam mosque in Nuseirat refugee camp, central Gaza Strip, after it was hit by an Israeli airstrike, Saturday, Aug. 9, 2014.



saying it wants guarantees from Israel first that Gaza's borders will open. Israel and Egypt have enforced the blockade, to varying degrees, since Hamas seized Gaza in 2007.

Since the truce expired Friday, smaller Gaza militant groups—though not Hamas, according to claims of responsibility—have fired dozens of rockets and mortar shells at Israel, including two on Sunday. Israel has responded with dozens of airstrikes on Gaza, including at least 20 on Sunday. Gaza officials said Sunday's strikes killed at least two Palestinians.

The diplomatic standoff, coupled with the ongoing cross-border attacks, signaled that a broader deal for battered Gaza, as envisioned by the international community, likely will remain elusive.

Israel has said it will not open Gaza's borders unless militant groups, including Hamas, disarm. Hamas has said handing over its weapons arsenal, which

is believed to include several thousand remaining rockets, is inconceivable.

Various ideas have been raised to end Gaza's isolation, including deploying international inspectors at all crossings to address Israeli security concerns about smuggling weapons and militants. Europe has floated the idea of a link between ports in Gaza and Cyprus, with inspectors at both ends checking people and cargo.

Palestinian officials have said that Israel has so far rejected such proposals.

Instead, one proposal circulated by the Egyptian mediators over the weekend offered an easing of some of the restrictions, according to Palestinian negotiators who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not allowed to discuss internal deliberations with journalists. It was not clear if this was an Egyptian or an Israeli proposal.

Palestinian negotiators said they rejected the ideas, insisting

on a complete end to the blockade. The Palestinian team includes Hamas officials and representatives of Western-backed Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, from whom Hamas took Gaza in 2007.

On Sunday, Palestinian negotiators vented their frustration about the lack of progress and the absence of the Israeli team.

Azzam al-Ahmad, the head of the delegation and a confidant of Abbas, said the Palestinian team would leave Sunday evening if it becomes apparent that the Israeli counterparts will not return.

"If it is proven to us that the Israeli delegation is setting conditions for its return to Cairo, we will not accept any condition for the continuation of the talks," he said.

Palestinian negotiator Bassem Salhi, who represents a small PLO faction, said the team met late Saturday with Egyptian mediators. In the meeting, the Palestinians were told that Egypt is in touch with

Israeli officials and hopes to make progress, Salhi said.

"We told the Egyptians that if the Israelis are not coming and if there is no significant development, we are leaving today," he said Sunday.

Israeli officials were not immediately available for comment.

The Gaza war erupted on July 8, following weeks of escalating tensions between Israel and Hamas.

Israel launched an air campaign on the coastal territory, sending in ground troops nine days later to target rocket launchers and cross-border tunnels.

Navy gunboats fired at the Gaza fishing port, and fire

Cease-fire ends

Rockets were fired into Israel from Gaza on Friday, ending the 72-hour cease-fire.

A total of 18 missiles were fired from Gaza targeting Ashkelon, Israel, while the cease-fire was still in effect.

Gaza militants continued to fire missiles targeting Sderot, Israel. Two Israelis were wounded.

Israel responded with a series of airstrikes that killed five Palestinians, including three children.

Graphic: Erik Rodriguez
Source: AP, U.N., Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs



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erupted in the building where fishermen store their equipment, police said.

Gaza's civilians, especially children, have paid a steep price.

Of more than 1,900 people killed, at least 450 were children, according to Palestinian health officials. Children also made up almost one-third of those killed. More than 10,000 homes have been destroyed, leaving some 65,000 people homeless, according to U.N. estimates. Tens of thousands fled fighting in the border areas, including heavy Israeli tank shelling, and are staying in crowded U.N. shelters.

Women stoned to death in Syria for adultery

BEIRUT (AP)—A cleric read the verdict before the truck came and dumped a large pile of stones near the municipal garden. Jihadi fighters then brought in the woman, clad head to toe in black, and put her in a small hole in the ground. When residents gathered, the fighters told them to carry out the sentence: Stoning to death for the alleged adulteress.

None in the crowd stepped forward, said a witness to the event in a northern Syrian city. So the jihadi fighters, mostly foreign extremists, did it themselves, pelting Faddah Ahmad with stones until her body was dragged away.

"Even when she was hit with stones she did not scream or move," said an opposition activist who said he witnessed the stoning near the football stadium and the Bajaa garden in the city of Raqqa, the main Syrian stronghold of the Islamic State group.

The July 18 stoning was the second in a span of 24 hours. A day earlier, 26-year-old Shamseh Abdullah was killed in a similar way in the nearby town of Tabqa by Islamic State fighters. Both were accused of having sex outside marriage.

The killings were the first of their kind in rebel-held north-

ern Syria, where jihadis from the Islamic State group have seized large swaths of territory, terrorizing residents with their strict interpretation of Islamic law, including beheadings and cutting off the hands of thieves. The jihadis recently tied a 14-year-old boy to a cross-like structure and left him for several hours in the scorching summer sun before bringing him down—punishment for not fasting during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

The group has also brutalized Shiite Muslims and others whom it views as apostates. In neighboring Iraq, Islamic State militants have driven members of the Yazidi religious minority out of a string of towns and villages. Thousands of the fleeing Yazidis have been stranded on a mountaintop for days, a humanitarian crisis that prompted the U.S. to airlift aid to them this week.

On Friday, Kamil Amin, the spokesman for Iraq's Human Rights Ministry, said hundreds of Yazidi women under the age of 35 are being held by the Islamic State group in schools in Iraq's second largest city Mosul, which the militants captured in June.

The stonings in Syria last

month were not widely publicized at the time, but in the following days three photographs appeared online which appeared to document the grisly spectacle and were consistent with other AP reporting.

The pictures posted on a newly-created Twitter account showed dozens of people gathered in a square, a cleric reading a verdict through a loudspeaker and several bearded men with automatic rifles either carrying or collecting stones.

"A married woman being stoned in the presence of some believers," read the caption of the photographs on the Twitter account, which has since been suspended.

Abu Ibrahim Raqqawi, the activist who witnessed Ahmad's stoning, said locals were angry to see foreign fighters impose their will on the community.

"People were shocked and couldn't understand what was going on. Many were disturbed by the idea that Saudis and Tunisians were issuing (such) orders," he said in an interview via Skype. Ahmad, he said, appeared unconscious, and he had overheard that she was earlier taken to a hospital where she was given anesthesia.

Airplane crashes in Iran; casualties feared

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—A small Iranian passenger plane crashed Sunday while taking off from an airport near the capital, Tehran, state media reported. The country's state-run media said at least 40 people were feared killed in the crash.

The aircraft, an Iran-140 jet typically used for short domestic flights, crashed near Mehrabad airport, west of Tehran, Iran's state-run IRNA news agency reported. The plane went down in a residential area after its engine went out, the agency reported.

"Initial reports indicate that the 48 people aboard the plane have been killed, including seven children," IRNA reported. It did not identify a source for its claim. State television said 42 people were aboard the plane when it crashed.

Iranian state television reported that the plane was an Iran-141 flown by Taban Air flight. IRNA said it was flown by Sepahan Air. The conflicting information could not be immediately reconciled.

The Iran-140 is a 52-seat passenger plane produced in Iran with Ukrainian technology.

Iran has suffered a series of airplane crashes, blamed on its aging aircraft and poor maintenance. Many of the Boeing aircraft in state-run Iran Air's fleet were bought before the country's 1979 Islamic Revolution, which disrupted ties with the U.S. and Europe.

Iranian airlines, including those run by the state, are chronically strapped for cash, and maintenance has suffered, experts say. U.S. sanctions prevent Iran from updating its American

aircraft and make it difficult to get European spare parts or planes as well. The country has come to rely on Russian aircraft, many of them Soviet-era planes that are harder to get parts for since the Soviet Union's fall.

The last major airliner crash in Iran happened in January 2011, when an Iran Air Boeing 727 broke to pieces on impact while trying an emergency landing in a snowstorm in northwestern Iran, killing at least 77 people.

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Focus

NEW YORK (AP)—In the summer of 1914, with the war in Europe just two weeks old, Henry James knew that something had been lost forever.

"Black and hideous to me is the tragedy that gathers, and I'm sick beyond cure to have lived on to see it," the American author, an expatriate in London at the time, wrote to a friend. "You and I, the ornaments of our generation, should have been spared this wreck of our belief that through the long years we had seen civilization grow and the worst become impossible.... It seems to me to undo everything, everything that was ours, in the most horrible retroactive way."

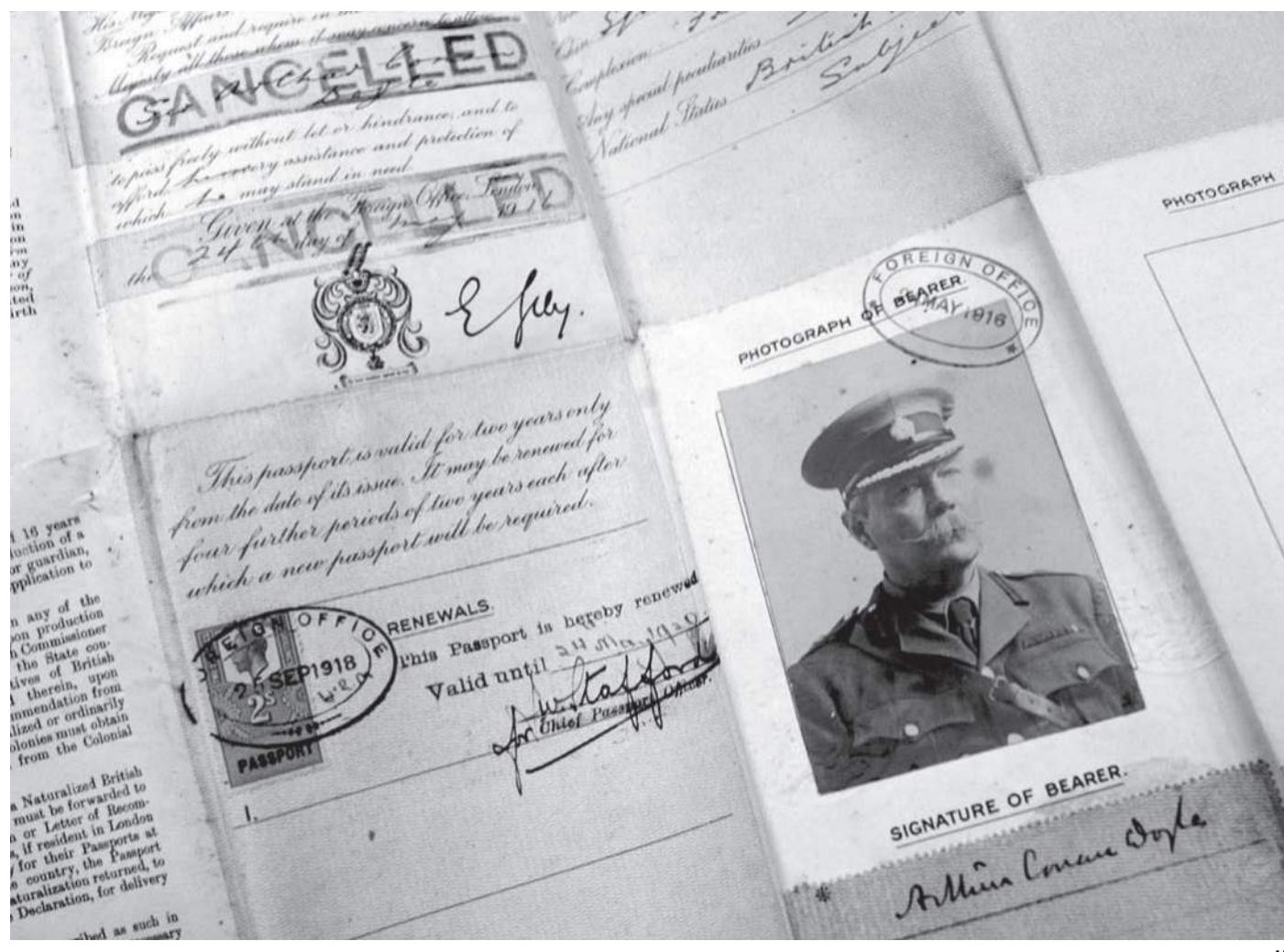
James died in 1916, two years before the armistice was declared between the allies and the Germans, and the wreckage of World War I was beyond even his imagination. Millions were dead, empires dissolved, centuries-old beliefs upended. Many survivors wondered how the world had been caught up in a war fought not for any identifiable cause, but because no one knew how to stop it.

Prolonged conflicts destroy the worlds they were born in, and few did so as thoroughly and as terribly as World War I, which began 100 years ago this month. Among writers, World War I changed both the stories they told and how they told them. Artists in general left behind an extraordinary legacy of painting, music, literature and film and many of the defining achievements of a movement, Modernism, that challenged our very identities and raised questions still being asked today.

"If you look at the 19th century, you have this whole notion of progress through technology—the notion of science, the increasing organization of society," says Jan Schall, an art historian and curator of modern and contemporary art at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City, Mo.

"What the war did was turn this ideal upside down. You had mass death through mass technological warfare—the use of chemicals, the use of machinery. And you see the impact on the kind of art that is being turned out, a sense of discontinuity and fragmenting."

World War I was unique for the art it inspired, and for the art's disillusion with war itself; winners and losers both despaired. In an essay written for an ongoing World War I exhibit at the New York Society Library, the literary critic Adam Kirsch notes that poetry had a history dating back to ancient Greece of treating war as a tragic



This May 13, 2004 file photo shows Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's passport dating from World War I on display at Christie's auction house in London. The passport and some 3,000 other items were among Doyle's lost papers that were found in a London law firm's archive where they were stored and forgotten after they were taken from Doyle's writing desk in 1930, following his death. AP

World War I: The war that inspired INNOVATIVE ART

By HILLEL ITALIE
AP National Writer

ic, but essential rite of passage and proving ground. World War I broke the spell.

"Wars keep being fought, of course, but now they are justified on the grounds of necessity, self-defense, even human rights—never on the grounds that war itself is a splendid achievement or the true calling of men," Kirsch wrote.

Poets and writers on both sides of the Atlantic at first cheered on the battle. Carl Sandburg's "Four Brothers" hailed the "Ballplayers, lumberjacks, ironworkers, ready in khaki/A million, ten million, singing, 'I am ready.'

The New York Society Library exhibit features releases from the British publisher, Wellington House, which specialized in a line of pro-war literature. Contributors included J.M. Barrie, Thomas Hardy and Arthur Conan Doyle, who met with troops in the spring of 1916 and completed "A Visit To Three Fronts" over the summer. "If there are pessimists among us they are not to be found among the men who are doing the work," Doyle wrote.

Among anti-war poems, few

were so bitter, or indelible, as the British poet Wilfred Owen's "Dulce et Decorum Est," with its wretched images and scorn for the venerable adage "Dulce et Decorum est pro patria mori": ("It is sweet and proper to die for your country").

*If you could hear, at every jolt, the blood
Come gargling from the froth-corrupted lungs,
Obscene as cancer, bitter as the cud
Of vile, incurable sores on innocent tongues,
My friend, you would not tell with such high zest
To children ardent for some desperate glory,
The old Lie; Dulce et Decorum est
Pro patria mori.*

In "A Farewell to Arms," Ernest Hemingway declared that "Abstract words such as glory, honor, courage, or hallow were obscene beside the concrete names of villages, the numbers of roads, the names of rivers, the numbers of regiments and the dates." T.S. Eliot's "The Hollow Men," one of the touchstones of post-war literature, sketches a ravaged, barren landscape:

*In this valley of dying stars
In this hollow valley
This broken jaw of our lost kingdoms
In this last of meeting places
We grope together
And avoid speech
Gathered on this beach of the tumid river*

Soldiers returned maimed, traumatized, bewildered, a "lost generation," as Gertrude Stein called them. In Erich Maria Remarque's famous anti-war novel, "All Quiet On the Western Front," a German soldier rejects his patriotism, abandons his humanity and loses his life. Hemingway's short story "Soldier's Home" tells of a veteran named Krebs who finds that no one in his community wants to

hear what really happened.

"Krebs found that to be listened to at all he had to lie and after he had done this twice he, too, had a reaction against the war and against talking about it," Hemingway wrote. "A distaste for everything that had happened to him in the war set in because of the lies he had told."

World War I was the last major conflict presided over by kings and Kaisers and the last to begin with even the pretense of old-fashioned rules of battle. Jean Renoir's "La Grande Illusion," released in 1937, was a classic portrait of how the war destroyed old beliefs in hierarchy and honor, embodied in the film by the bond between the aristocratic German captain played by Erich Von Stroheim and the captured French officer played by Pierre Fresnay.

The officers "were at home in the international sportsmanship of the prewar world, but the skills, maneuvers, courage and honor that made military combat a high form of sportsmanship are a lost art, a fool's game, in this mass war," The New Yorker's Pauline Kael later wrote of the film.

World War I was a severing of history, and a violation of logic, that justified the skepticism of Modernists who had questioned whether a book needed a beginning, middle and end, whether a song needed a melody, whether a picture needed to faithfully reproduce its subject—or even have a subject. James Joyce, Virginia Woolf and other Modernist authors rejected conventional narrative and grammar. Dadaist artists such as Marcel Duchamp and Hans Richter turned out jarring, surreal paintings, plays and sculptures that mirrored their feelings about the war, while composers such as Arnold Schoenberg and Alban Berg produced disjointed, "atonal" works.

"War proved that everything was temporary, fleeting, and the art world reflected it," says Doran Cart, senior curator of the National World War I Museum in Kansas City. "And it helped inspire works of Modernism because the war itself was so modern and changed how people saw their communities and saw each other."

Ironically, one of the war's most enduring legacies was not a protest, but a call to service. In 1917, commercial artist James Montgomery Flagg was asked by the U.S. government to create a poster that would encourage young people to join the military. He sketched a furrowed, red-cheeked man with a starred top hat and white goatee, the face based in part on Flagg himself.

He added a simple caption: "I Want YOU For U.S. Army," shortened in popular memory to "UNCLE SAM WANTS YOU."

Health & Fitness

What's scary about Ebola, reasons not to fear it

By CONNIE CASS
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WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States' top disease detective calls Ebola a "painful, dreadful, merciless virus."

The World Health Organization has declared the outbreak in West Africa an international emergency, killing more than 900 people and spreading.

That's scary and serious. But it also cries out for context.

AIDS alone takes more than a million lives per year in Africa—a thousand times the toll of this Ebola outbreak so far.

Lung infections such as pneumonia are close behind as the No. 2 killer. Malaria and diarrhea claim hundreds of thousands of African children each year.

In the United States, where heart attacks and cancer are the biggest killers, the risk of contracting the Ebola virus is close to zero.

Americans fretting about their own health would be better off focusing on getting a flu shot this fall. Flu is blamed for about 24,000 U.S. deaths per year.

To put the Ebola threat in perspective, here are some reasons to be concerned about the out-



In this photo taken Saturday, Aug. 9, 2014, health workers wearing protective clothing and equipment against the deadly Ebola virus sit at the Kenema Government Hospital situated in the Eastern Province around 300 km, (186 miles) from the capital city of Freetown in Kenema, Sierra Leone.

ON THE NET

- **CDC:** <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola>
- **WHO:** <http://www.who.int/csr/disease/ebola/en>

break, and reasons not to fear it: There is no cure for Ebola hemorrhagic fever.

More than half of people

infected in this outbreak have died. Death rates in some past outbreaks reached 90 percent.

It's a cruel end that comes within days. Patients grow feverish and weak, suffering through body aches, vomiting, diarrhea and internal bleeding, sometimes bleeding from the nose and ears.

The damage can spiral far beyond the patients themselves.

Because it's spread through direct contact with the bodily fluids of sick patients, Ebola takes an especially harsh toll on doctors and nurses, already in short supply in areas of Africa hit by the disease.

Outbreaks spark fear and panic.

Health workers and clinics have come under attack from residents, who sometimes blame foreign doctors for the deaths.

People with from Ebola or other illnesses may fear going to a hospital, or may be shunned by friends and neighbors.

Two of the worst-hit countries—Liberia and Sierra Leone—sent troops to quarantine areas with Ebola cases. The aim was to stop the disease's spread but the action also created hardship for many residents.

WHERE IT IS

The outbreak began in Guinea in March before spreading to neighboring Sierra Leone and Liberia. A traveler recently carried it farther, to Nigeria, leading to a few cases in the giant city of Lagos.

Ebola emerged in 1976. It has been confirmed in 10 African nations, but never before in the region of West Africa.

Lack of experience with the disease there has contributed to

its spread. So has a shortage of medical personnel and supplies, widespread poverty, and political instability.

Sierra Leone still is recovering from a decade of civil war in which children were forced into fighting. Liberia, originally founded by freed American slaves, also endured civil war in the 1990s. Guinea is trying to establish a young and fragile democracy.

Nigeria, Africa's most populous country, boasts great oil wealth but most of its people are poor. The government is battling Islamic militants in the north who have killed thousands of people and kidnapped more than 200 schoolgirls in April.

This outbreak has proved more difficult to control than previous ones because the disease is crossing national borders, and is spreading in more urban areas.

Tom Frieden, director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, predicts that within a few weeks, Ebola will sicken more people than all previous occurrences combined. Already more than 1,700 cases have been reported.

Global health officials say it will take months to fully contain the outbreak, even if all goes as well as can be hoped.

REASONS NOT TO BE AFRAID

Ebola is devastating for those it affects. But most people don't need to fear it. Why?

■ Ebola doesn't spread easily, the way a cold virus or the flu does. It is only spread by direct contact with bodily fluids

such as blood, saliva, sweat and urine. Family members have contracted it by caring for their relatives or handling an infected body as part of burial practices. People aren't contagious until they show symptoms, Frieden said. Symptoms may not appear until 21 days after exposure.

"People should not be afraid of casual exposure on a subway or an airplane," said Dr. Robert Black, professor of international health at Johns Hopkins University.

■ Health officials around the developed world know how to stop Ebola. Frieden described tried-and-true measures: find and isolate all possible patients, track down people they may have exposed, and ensure strict infection-control procedures while caring for patients. Every past outbreak of Ebola has been brought under control.

The CDC is sending at least 50 staff members to West Africa to help fight the disease, while more than 200 work on the problem from the agency's headquarters in Atlanta. The WHO is urging nations worldwide to send money and resources to help.

■ It's true that Ebola could be carried into the United States by a traveler, possibly putting family members or health care workers at risk. It's never happened before. But if the disease does show up in the U.S., Frieden said, doctors and hospitals know how to contain it quickly.

"We are confident that a large Ebola outbreak in the United States will not occur," Frieden told a congressional hearing Thursday.

OTHER THINGS TO WORRY ABOUT

Ebola's toll is minuscule compared with other diseases that killing millions of people.

"The difference is the diseases that do kill a lot of people—malaria, diarrhea, pneumonia—they cause their problems over time," Black said. "They're not generally epidemic. They're not the kind of sudden burst of disease and death that creates fear like this."

The common diseases have far lower mortality rates. They kill so many people because such huge numbers are infected.

In comparison, Ebola is manageable.

"The order of magnitude of the resources to control Ebola in small communities in three or four countries is very small compared to controlling malaria in all of Asia and Africa," Black said. "I don't at all think we should hold back on the resources to control Ebola, but we need more resources to control these major killers of children and adults that we're making too little effort against."

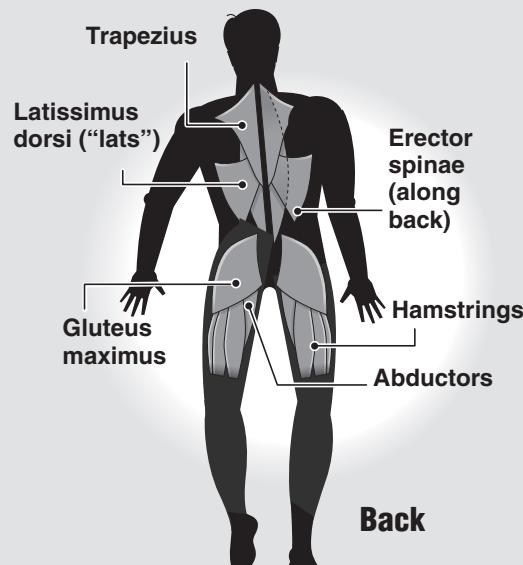
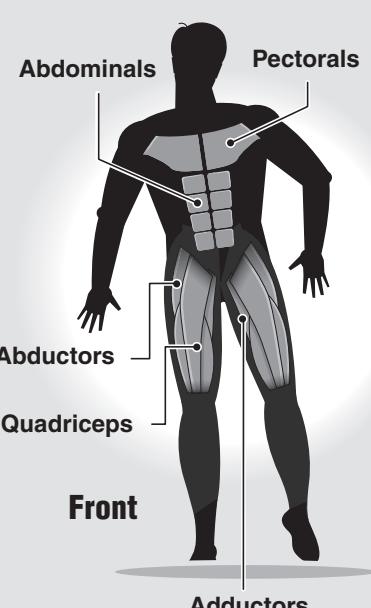
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Back in balance

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Core needs building

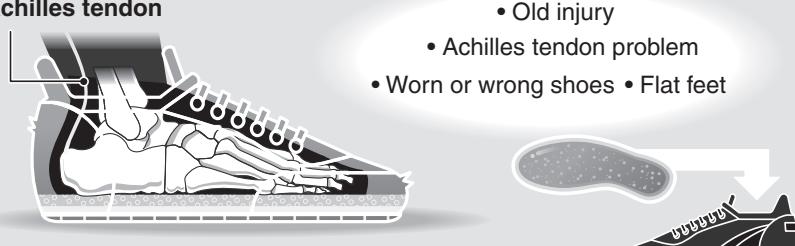
Stretch these muscles that support the spine and maintain balance



Lack of a solid base

Feet and ankles are not providing support for one of these reasons:

- Old injury
- Achilles tendon problem
- Worn or wrong shoes
- Flat feet



Solution: Wear supportive shoes that fit well

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Life & Style

Radcliffe now into indies, but 'Potter' trails

SAN DIEGO (AP)—J.K. Rowling published a new Harry Potter short story last month. And Daniel Radcliffe braced himself once again.

The 25-year-old British star faces consistent and persistent questions from fans and the press about whether he'll return to the character that he spent much of his childhood playing. Rowling's story of a 34-year-old Potter posted online was not

going to help matters.

"I go, 'OK, thank you Jo. I'll be answering questions about this,'" Radcliffe said in a recent interview. "She can't help it. She wrote me 10 years older and people are still asking me if I'm going to be doing it. He's 10 years older than I am in this story so it's really not even a hypothetical at the moment. I would obviously never say never because that's a foolish thing to say, but I would have to think long and hard before I ever went back to anything."

Art from Watterson's comics return auctioned

DALLAS (AP)—Artwork from "Calvin and Hobbes" creator Bill Watterson's three-day return to comics has brought more than \$74,000 at auction to benefit Parkinson's research.

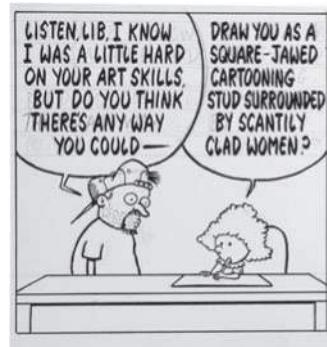
Dallas-based Heritage Auctions says the three comic strips sold Friday for a combined

\$74,040 to three collectors, all of whom wish to remain anonymous. Heritage had expected the strips to sell for more than \$30,000 combined.

Watterson collaborated with "Pearls Before Swine" cartoonist Stephan Pastis in June after a long absence from the funny pages.

The artwork was sold on behalf of Team Cul de Sac, a charity established in honor of cartoonist Richard Thompson, who has Parkinson's. Proceeds will go to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

"Calvin and Hobbes" ended in 1995.



This image provided by Heritage Auctions shows one of three works "Calvin and Hobbes" creator Bill Watterson's collaborated with "Pearls Before Swine" cartoonist Stephan Pastis for a three-day return to comics, dated June 6, 2014.

WWII veteran who found Hitler's top hat dies at 88

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP)—Richard Marowitz was just a day removed from witnessing the horrors of Dachau when he found a top hat on a shelf in a closet in Adolf Hitler's Munich apartment.

Still furious over the gruesome sights he had seen at the nearby Nazi concentration camp, the 19-year-old self-described "skinny Jewish kid" from New York threw the black silk hat on the floor, jumped off the chair he had used to reach it and stomped Hitler's formal headwear until it was flat.

"I swear to this day I could see his face in it," Marowitz told The Associated Press in a 2001 interview, recalling how he "smashed the hell out of it."

Marowitz, who brought the souvenir back to New York after World War II ended, died this week at age 88 at the Veterans Affairs hospital in Albany. His son, Larry Marowitz, said on Friday that he died Wednesday after battling cancer and dementia.

Marowitz, born in Middletown and raised in Brooklyn, was playing trumpet in a swing band when he was drafted into the Army. He served as a reconnaissance scout in the 42nd In-

fantry Division as it fought its way across Europe in 1945. On April 29, his unit was ordered to push ahead to a place called Dachau to beat other American divisions headed there.

In a 2003 interview he gave to an upstate New York high school's WWII oral history project, Marowitz told how he and his comrades sped their Jeeps through German convoys and enemy positions, firing their guns all the way.

"As we got closer to Dachau, we got this awful smell," Marowitz recalled.

They were among the first American soldiers to enter the concentration camp, where the GIs found bodies stacked inside rail cars and emaciated inmates who were barely alive.

"The prisoners were just walking skeletons, and they just dropped where they were and died," Marowitz said.

The next day, the 19-year-old scout was among a group sent to search Hitler's Munich apartment. While looking in a closet, Marowitz found a top hat with the initials "A.H." on the lining. He jumped up and down on the hat a few times in anger. It was April 30, the day

Hitler committed suicide in his bunker in Berlin.

"When he heard some skinny Jewish kid stomped all over his favorite hat, he committed suicide," Marowitz joked to the AP in 2001.

Marowitz kept the hat and took it home. Decades later, he started taking it along when he gave talks about the war and the Holocaust at Albany-area schools. Despite the horrors of combat and genocide he witnessed, the showman-turned-clothing manufacturer always sprinkled some humor into his stories, his son said.

"He loved people, he loved to joke around," Larry Marowitz said.

Marowitz's story was told in a 2003 documentary film, "Hitler's Hat." At the veteran's request, the family will donate the hat to a museum, the son said.

A service was scheduled for Friday morning at an Albany synagogue. He was to be buried at the Gerald B. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery.

Marowitz also is survived by his wife of 65 years and their two daughters.

His death was first reported by The Times Union.



boy wizard in eight movies from 2001 to 2011.

"Being a celebrity who is associated with something that was very much part of people's childhoods and very close to a lot of peoples' hearts, yeah, you get people who do come up to you," he said. "And I'm always happy to talk to people. I never mind hearing something deeply personal, but I always do think, 'Should you be telling me this?'"

Radcliffe notes that soap opera actors face a similar phenomenon, since they're in the homes of audiences so regularly. Still, he doesn't want to be the sole person hearing about tough times.

"I often say, you should talk to somebody else who you can have regular conversations with about this," Radcliffe said.

"Horns," directed by Alexandre Aja, is set for release Oct. 31. Radcliffe's other new film, the romantic comedy "What If," opened this weekend.

AP
Daniel Radcliffe, a cast member in the film "What If," poses at Ivy-Connect's Innovator Film Awards at the Landmark Theatres on Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2014 in Los Angeles.

First Year Death Anniversary

In Loving Memory of

† Josephine S. Sablan

Lovingly known as "Ofing"

We, the family of the late
† Josephine S. Sablan would
like to invite all our relatives
and friends to join us in prayers
as we commemorate the
first year anniversary of our
beloved unto eternal life.



Mass of Intention will
be celebrated at Kristo Rai Church
beginning on Monday, August 11,
2014 at 6:00 am. On the final day,
Tuesday, August 19, 2014 Mass will be
offered at 6:00 am. Breakfast will follow immediately at the
Kristo Rai Social Hall.

Your prayers and presence are greatly appreciated.

Si Yu's Ma'ase – Thank You
The Family



'All About That Bass' gives singer a breakthrough

NEW YORK (AP)—Not everyone was initially "All About That Bass."

Meghan Trainor, the 20-year-old who is having a pop culture moment with the song about body acceptance, said she initially wrote the track and pitched it to other artists, but was turned away.

"Labels were like, 'We love it, but you have to reproduce it. You got to get it more synth-y, pop-y,'" said Trainor, who worked with producer Kevin Kadish on "Bass." "We looked at each other like, 'Man, I thought this was a hit, but I guess not.'"

Things changed when record executive L.A. Reid heard the doo-wop pop song and told Trainor she should be the voice behind it. He signed the budding songwriter to Epic Records after hearing her sing "Bass" while playing the ukulele.

This week, the song jumped 20 spots on the Billboard Hot 100 chart to No. 8. The single has sold 389,719 copies so far in five weeks, and the music video, which has 10 million views and climbing, has become a water cooler topic among young



AP American singer-songwriter Meghan Trainor, known for the pop single "All About That Bass," poses for a portrait, on Thursday, Aug. 7, 2014 in New York.

Nixon's back! (At least on Twitter)

By HILLEL ITALIE
AP NATIONAL WRITER

NEW YORK (AP)—If you believe the media reports, Richard Nixon suffered a stroke in 1994 and died days later at age 81. He is buried in his native Yorba Linda, California, silent as the country marks the 40th anniversary of his resignation.

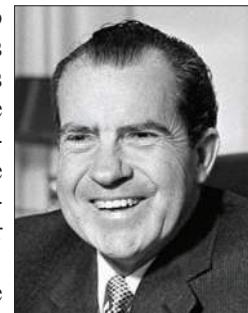
But the many obsessives among the 7,000-plus followers of @Dick_Nixon couldn't be blamed for sharing the president's suspicion of reporters. The "Nixon" on this Twitter feed has never been more alive, sounding off on everything from the Russians to the Academy Awards, lashing out at old enemies and sizing up such possible presidential contenders as Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida.

"He is a smart fellow. But he should stop swinging at pitches he can't hit yet," reads a recent tweet.

The @Dick_Nixon feed is neither tribute nor parody but an uncanny reincarnation that has some Washington insiders and political junkies marveling that someone could so well capture the phrasing, savvy, tenacity, profanity and world view of our 37th president.

"He has his voice and his mentality down cold. And he also makes me laugh," says Elizabeth Drew, an author and journalist whose Watergate-era book, "Washington Journal," was reissued in May.

"I never got to meet Nixon, so this is the next best thing for me," says author and journalist Rob-



Nixon

ert Draper, who has written books about Congress and the George W. Bush administration and is the grandson of Watergate prosecutor Leon Jaworski.

Admirers have speculated that the account manager is a politician, a journalist or even a member of the Nixon family. But Twitter "Nixon" is, apparently, 33-year-old playwright and New York resident Justin Sherin, born years after the president left office. Drew has met him and befriended him. John Weaver, a Republican strategist who worked on the 2000 and 2008 presidential campaigns of Sen. John McCain, said that he had spoken with Sherin. Both Drew and Weaver are among his followers.

During a recent interview at a bar in Grand Central Station, Sherin said that he had long been fascinated by Nixon and his "weird" and "convoluted" way of expressing himself. In 2008, he began tweeting excerpts from Nixon's taped White House conversations. Around four years later, he decided to bring the former president into the 21st century, combining historical and original material.

"I try very hard either to use something that he did say in a similar context or that I could argue he would have said when faced with such a situation," says the clean-cut, round-eyed Sherin, whose plays include

"Mickey Mouse Is Dead," a 2006 off-Broadway production about McCarthy-era blacklisting at the Walt Disney studios.

The former president and his wife, Pat (also dead, or so we've been told), reside on Twitter, as they did on Earth, in Saddle River, New Jersey. The president makes occasional trips to Washington and vacations in Key Biscayne, Florida. Some messages are initiated by former White House press secretary Ron Ziegler, who supposedly joined the afterlife in 2003.

Nixon on Twitter is impressed with Hillary Clinton ("She is cold, cold, tough as hell. That is the good side") and dismayed by President Barack Obama. ("The current president strikes me as a fellow who is reading from a book written by a lot of Ivy Leaguers who've never been to Moscow"). He is grateful for his supporters, seething that he doesn't have a deal for his latest book, "Realism," and mindful of his eternal rivals, the Kennedys

"Teddy had the best political skills out of any of them. Jack would rather be in the pool, Bob by burned witches," he tweeted.

On the Nixon feed, you get the calculating Nixon ("The ecology thing is crap for clowns. But there's votes in it"). You get Nixon on gays ("Our granddaughter is an actress. So many people in that line are gay. We go to the plays, shake their hands. They seem happy"),

girls and parents.

"Bass" features standout lines like "it's pretty clear, I ain't no size two," "I'm bringing booty back" and "yeah my momma, she told me don't worry about your size." Trainor said Grammy-nominated Kadish, who has worked with Jason Mraz, had the song title but didn't know where to go from there.

"And I immediately thought, 'Booty. Bass. Thickness,'" she said.

Trainor, who grew up in Nantucket, Massachusetts, recently moved to Nashville, Tennessee.

She was signed to a publishing house in Music City, and wrote songs for Rascal Flatts and others. Now, she's working on an EP and album to capitalize on the breakthrough that "Bass" has given her.

Trainor said she's ecstatic and humbled that young girls have gravitated to the song.

"I tear up and I call my mom like, 'Did you see that? Did you read that one?' because some girls are like, 'I've hated myself. I hated life. I didn't want to go to school. I get bullied. And then I heard your song and I cried,'" she said. "They

say they cried because they're happy and they dance around the room. And I was just like, 'What? It's crazy.'

"Bass" has given Trainor a boost as well.

"I wish there was a song like this when I was 13," she said, adding that she's not always confident. "It's all mostly in my head. I would sit there in class like, 'I know they are judging me right now. I know they're picking on me.' ... So it helped me a lot, watching this video and seeing the comments that were positive. It's helped me go up a little bit."

Miley both naughty and nice in return to Nashville

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Miley's back, y'all.

Miley Cyrus made her delayed-due-to-illness return to the town where she grew up Thursday night, bringing a flying hot dog, a dwarf dressed as the Liberty Bell, a dozen recognizable hits, a taunt to the girls who beat her up in school and a lot of inappropriate touching. Drawing a crowd of mostly young women—and a hefty number of moms—the show was a little bit pop concert, a little bit late-night pay cable and a little bit great.

In the audience: Two 20-something women with a gift for arts and crafts arrived at Cyrus' homecoming concert with identical bedazzled shirts that read, "R.I.P. Hannah Montana." Look no further than that for the official theme to Cyrus' Bangerz Tour, a pastiche of weird culture that plays a lot like a YouTube channel devoted to absurdist performance art.

The surprising thing, after the former teen television star raised such a lather last year with a highly memorable MTV Video Music Awards appearance, is how tame the show actually is.

It's true that Nashville is a pretty quiet town. And sure, Cyrus does simulate sex acts on stage during a few songs—Abe Lincoln has never seemed less presidential—and mentions drug use. But the woman whose twerking and foam finger started a national discussion balanced her naughty images and saucier choreography with messages espousing personal freedom and a few moments of pop perfection.

and Nixon on American cities ("Have you been to Tampa? My God. Nothing but Cubans and houses of prostitution").

"He seems to know everything there is about Nixon," Weaver says of Sherin. "He also has the president's keen political analytical skills, and he has that streak within Nixon that undid the president."

The newest Nixon is understandably preoccupied with the



Miley Cyrus performs in concert at Bridgestone Arena on Thursday, Aug. 7, 2014 in Nashville, Tenn.

over-the-top moments in pop music. For all the guff Cyrus has gotten, she's not covering unfamiliar territory. Touching your special parts (Michael Jackson), well-endowed dancers expert in the butterfly (2 Live Crew), uncovered rear ends (David Lee Roth) are milestones passed decades ago.

And to be clear, there were a lot of these things—a whole lot—during Cyrus' 2 1/2-hour, 20-plus song set, along with flying kittens, inflatable dogs three stories tall, plushy dancers, giant tongues and even a simulated orgy. But there were also a lot of impressive moments where Cyrus showed her growing prowess as an entertainer. She pushed her voice to the edge at times while holding the attention of 16,000 people with just a microphone, and had moms and daughters singing every word with the same gusto on major hits like "Wrecking Ball" and "Party in the USA."

Those were the moments that provided the real spectacle.

"Woodward still gets a check from the Post, you know," Nixon observed. "I was not aware that Bezos enjoys paying fellows who don't work."

Call him names, if you will. The president only gets angry with those he respects.

Just don't call him finished.

"All these bastards saying how young they are," he tweeted last month. "We're still here, by God. We'll outlive you all."

George Clooney, fiancee post legal notice to marry

LONDON (AP)—George Clooney and his fiancee have posted a legal notice declaring their intention to marry in Italy.

Clooney and Beirut-born London lawyer Amal Alamuddin announced their engagement in April, though the pair has not yet announced a date for their nuptials.

A spokesman at the register office at London's Chelsea Old Town Hall confirmed Thursday that the couple post-

ed a legal document for a British national who is marrying abroad. A photo of the notice published by the *Daily Mirror* newspaper showed the pair's names, ages and occupations. It also showed they plan a wedding in Italy.

The document has been taken down after being on display for the requisite 21 days.

It's the second marriage for Clooney, 53, and the first for Alamuddin, 36.

'Candid Camera' aims to make new generation smile

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Smile, "Candid Camera" is making a comeback.

Starting Monday, TV Land will air a new version of the hidden-camera show that first debuted in 1948.

The 10-episode series is produced by Peter Funt, son of the original show's creator and host, Allen Funt.

Peter Funt will co-host with Mayim Bialik of "The Big Bang Theory." Guest stars including Megan Hilty, Reggie Jackson

and Carnie Wilson will help pull off the gags.

The original show's catchphrase was "Smile, you're on 'Candid Camera,'" which is how people learned they had been pranked. Versions of the show have returned to TV several times since its initial run.

In its first week, new episodes of "Candid Camera" will air at 8 p.m. EDT Monday through Thursday. The show will then air weekly on Tuesdays, starting Aug. 19.

Book series continues 'Frozen' adventures

NEW YORK (AP)—The adventures of sisters Anna and Elsa of "Frozen" fame will continue, at least on paper.

Random House Children's Books announced Friday that they will launch a new series next year tied to the blockbuster Disney movie. The first two books, "Anna & Elsa #1: All Hail the Queen" and "Anna & Elsa #2: Memory and Magic," are scheduled for January. The planned first printing for each book is 150,000 copies.

The author will be Erica David, who has written over 40 children's stories. Random House has already sold more 8 million books related to "Frozen."



This file image released by Disney shows Kristoff, voiced by Jonathan Groff, left, and Anna, voiced by Kristen Bell, in a scene from the animated feature film, "Frozen." AP

Woody Allen's handprints on Pawtucket walk of fame

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP)—Legendary director Woody Allen has added his handprints to the Hollywood Walk of Fame, but not the one in California.

It's in Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

Allen was in town Thursday filming a new movie that stars Emma Stone and Joaquin Phoenix.

Local officials say they

worked with Allen's crew as he filmed at a newsstand and elsewhere, and the director agreed to add his handprints to Pawtucket's so-called "Hollywood Walk of Fame."

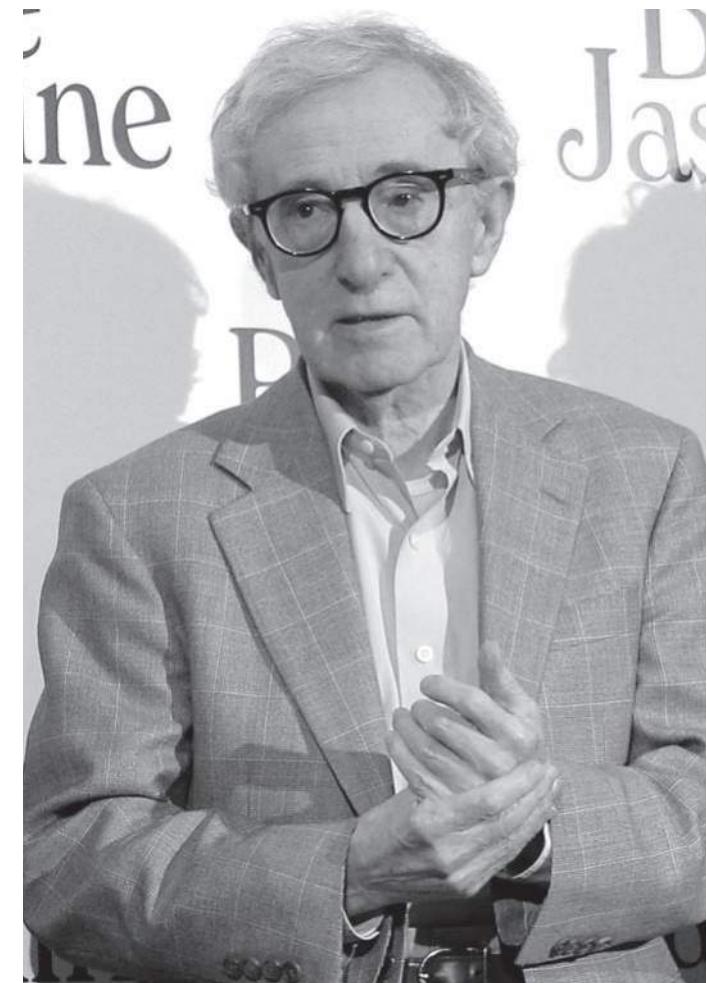
Allen put his prints and signature into wet cement Thursday afternoon while filming in neighboring Providence. The panel will be installed later.

Pawtucket's walk is outside a city diner and includes handprints from Dustin Hoffman and others from the movie "American Buffalo," which was filmed in the blue-collar mill city in 1995.

Local officials are still hoping Phoenix and Stone will add their handprints.

"It's our dream that we complete it with the last two stars," Bob Billington of the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce said Friday. "We respect everybody's privacy, but we're hoping that we'll be graced with that opportunity."

Allen's handprints aren't on the famous Hollywood Walk of Fame in Los Angeles. Neither are Hoffman's, Phoenix's or Stone's.



In this Aug. 27, 2013, file photo, director and actor Woody Allen appears at the French premiere of "Blue Jasmine," in Paris. AP

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

'The View' changes to include a new producer

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Change keeps coming to ABC's talk show "The View." Its long-time executive producer, Bill Geddie, said in a statement Friday that he won't be involved in day-to-day production. The shift comes as "The View" reshapes its panel of co-hosts for next season. Series creator Barbara Walters has retired from on-camera duties, while Sherri Shepherd and Jenny McCarthy won't be returning. The final new episode with Shepherd and McCarthy airs Monday. Remaining co-host Whoopi Goldberg will be joined this

fall by Rosie O'Donnell, who's back for a second "View" stint. Other co-hosts have yet to be announced. Geddie says he's "enormously proud" of the show he and Walters created 17 years ago. ABC had no comment on a replacement for Geddie, who says he plans to help with the transition throughout the upcoming season.

NYC music festival to require anti-drug video

NEW YORK (AP)—Attendees at the New York City music festival where two people died last year will be required to watch an anti-drug video before admission this year. The final day

of last year's Electric Zoo festival was called off after two people died of what the city medical examiner said was an overdose of the drug MDMA combined with hyperthermia. Ticket buyers at this year's festival on Randall's Island Aug. 29-31 will have to watch a 2-minute video about MDMA, known as molly or ecstasy. Festival spokesman Stefan Friedman says the code to activate festival-goers' wristbands will be in the video, so they won't be admitted unless they have watched it. The video shows a man at a concert rubbing a powder on his gums and becoming increasingly sweaty and incoherent.

very special was with me. I never listened to the radio, unless it was nursery rhymes on DVD or toddler songs. It not only helped me teach my children, but it also made driving fun and safe for the tiny passengers in my car.

D.W.K.

READERS: A nonprofit group called KidsAndCars suggests that parents "place something they will need (when exiting the vehicle), such as a cellphone, handbag or briefcase, near the child in the back seat. Or keep a large stuffed animal in the child's car seat when it's not occupied. When the child is in the car seat, place the stuffed animal in the front passenger seat as a reminder that the child is in the back."

"And tell the child's day care center or baby sitter that they will always be called if your child isn't coming in as scheduled. If the child is absent without an explanation, the day care center or baby sitter is expected to contact a parent or another designated caregiver."

I would not recommend an automatic device because it could fail.

DEAR ABBY: I am friends with a couple who have been married for three years. I have worked with the wife since before their wedding. The wife is overtly sexual toward me and has cheated on

Attentive parents can prevent kids being left alone in cars

DEAR ABBY: It disturbs me greatly that we keep reading about parents leaving their children in cars, whether it be absentmindedness, stress or downright intentional. It needs to stop.

I'm hoping car manufacturers can come up with an idea—maybe a sensor that once the doors are closed and locked, should there be motion or a sound in the vehicle, the windows would automatically open, giving a passer-by a chance to see inside and maybe save a precious life.

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DEAR FRUSTRATED: You are not the only one who is disturbed by these recent tragedies. They are on the minds of a lot of people lately. Today's mail brought a suggestion from another reader who is hoping to put an end to the loss of these fragile young lives. A mother in Westland, Michigan, offered this:

DEAR ABBY: I have a suggestion for parents. TALK to your children when they are in the car with you. I always carried on a conversation, sang or counted to my kids, even newborns, and continued through the years they were rear-facing and forward-facing. It helped them to learn their ABCs, count, and even know where streets were. It was also a running reminder that someone

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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her husband with many men during the last year.

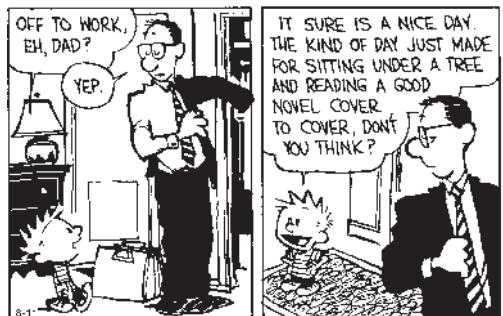
I'll be changing jobs soon and think the husband should know what his wife has been doing. Should I send him an anonymous letter? Tell him in person? Or let him find out for himself in the future?

TROUBLED FRIEND IN DETROIT

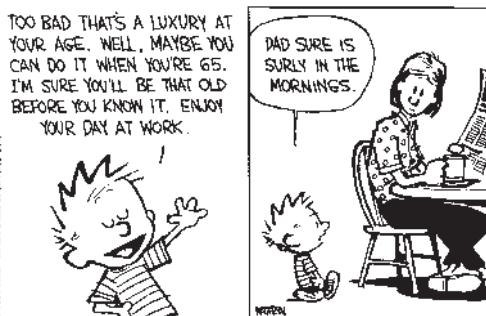
DEAR TROUBLED: Because the woman is "overtly" sexual with you, it's likely the husband already has an inkling. Whether you decide to tell him his wife is cheating with multiple men depends on whether YOU would want to be told. But this I can tell you emphatically: This information should not be conveyed in an unsigned letter from a "friend."

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes



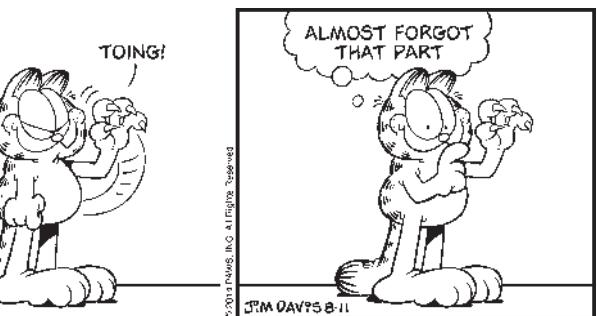
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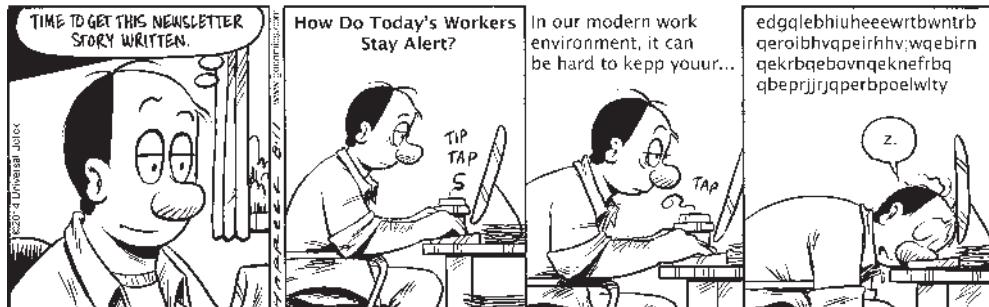
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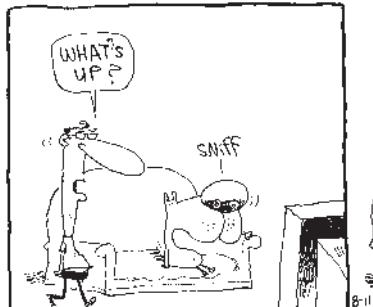


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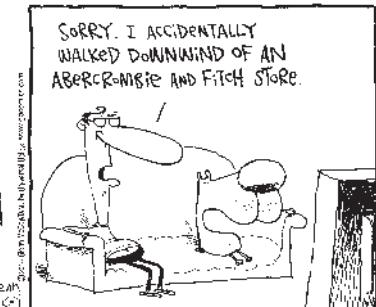


By Bryan Basset

The Duplex



By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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Solution time: 26 mins.



Friday's answer

8-11

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Chris Hemsworth, 31; Ashley Jensen, 45; Viola Davis, 49; Hulk Hogan, 61.

Happy Birthday: You'll be drawn to unique and unusual ideas, places and people. Your openness and curiosity will help you find a new direction that brings you satisfaction. Your responsibilities to home and family will escalate and must be tended to if you want the freedom to follow your heart and your aspirations. Take a course if it will help you reach your destination. Your numbers are 5, 13, 21, 23, 36, 40, 46.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Go the extra mile to form strong alliances with your peers. Size up whatever situation you face before you take action. Wait until you have gathered enough information before making a personal change. Self-deception will hold you back. **★★**

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Someone you least expect will step up and offer help. Together you can overcome setbacks caused by taking on too much. Focus on finding out what's required to do the best job possible. Complaining will get you nowhere. **★★★**

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Offer creative insight into projects. Getting along with the people you work with will help you advance, but don't share your personal secrets. Someone jealous of your talents will use any excuse to make you look bad. **★★★★**

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Emotions will make it difficult to communicate openly. Listen carefully, but don't make changes just to please others. You have to fol-

low what's in your heart as well as what makes the most sense and brings you the highest rewards. **★★★**

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Listen and observe, but don't jump to conclusions. Finding out the truth and taking care of responsibilities without being asked will get you further ahead. Legal concerns can be dealt with successfully if you are moderate. **★★★**

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): What you perceive and what's actually happening will not be the same. Ask an expert if you are in doubt. Taking the safe route will keep you out of trouble. Don't let your emotions interfere with business. **★★★**

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Ask for help if you are having trouble making a decision. Someone from your past will have great insight into what you should be doing now. Change is needed, but impulsiveness isn't. Put everything in place before making a move. **★★★**

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Stick close to home and concentrate on improvements you can make to enhance your surroundings or your life. Learn all you can about healthy lifestyles that can be adapted to your current situation. Romance is favored and will ward off trouble. **★★★★**

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Emotional deception is apparent, making it important for you to ask questions regarding what's going on with those around you. Learn all you can about healthy lifestyles that can be adapted to your current situation. Romance is favored and will ward off trouble. **★★★★**

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't be too quick to make a move. Weigh the pros and cons and consider how they will affect important relationships. Your intuition will not lead you astray. Be bold, ask questions, and approach whatever you face with confidence and you will succeed. **★★★★**

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You'll have opportunities galore, but if you hesitate to take advantage of what's being offered, you will regret your sluggish attitude. Learn from past experiences and you won't be left in the background. Participation and moderation will be key. **★★★**

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Take what belongs to you and don't look back. You can sign contracts, deal with settlements, investments and personal paperwork that will help you get ahead. A friendly gesture will do wonders to improve an important relationship. **★★★**

Birthday Baby: You respond and find solutions quickly. You are fair, helpful and caring.

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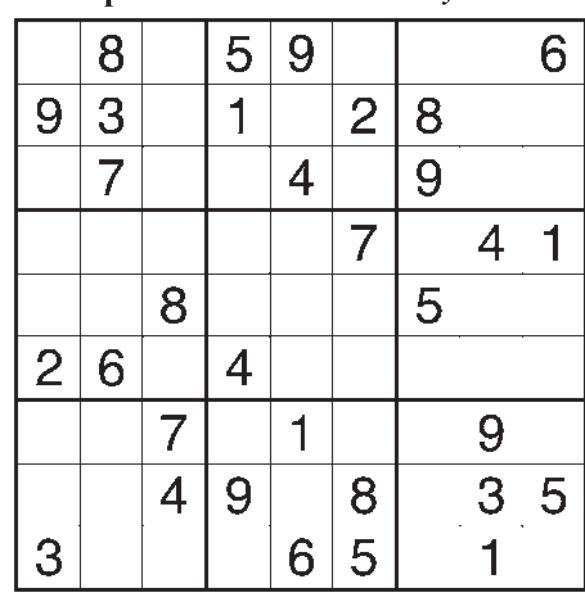
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle

based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green



Last Friday's SUDOKU Answer

1	3	7	9	2	6	8	4	5
9	4	5	7	8	3	6	2	1
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Difficulty Level: 5

By DAVID OUELLET

WONDERWORD

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle—horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEM ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters

LETTERS ONLY.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Solution: 8 letters

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McIlroy holds shaky lead at PGA Championship



LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Rory McIlroy celebrated his final birdie with a smile and a slight pump of his fist, knowing that 8-foot putt gave him the outright lead Saturday in the PGA Championship.

"It's a great position to be in," he said. "He's just not used to it being so crowded at the top."

McIlroy has won all three of his majors with the lead going into the final round—by eight shots at the 2011 U.S. Open, three shots at the 2012 PGA Championship, six shots last month at the British Open.

Now comes another major test for Boy Wonder—a Sunday shootout.

More rain in the morning at Valhalla allowed for a deluge of birdies in the lowest scoring round in PGA Championship history. Six players had a share of the lead at some point. McIlroy could see it on the leaderboard. He could hear it on a golf course resounding with cheers from every corner.

The 25-year-old from Northern Ireland found an extra gear, closing with three birdies on the last four holes for a 4-under 67 and a one-shot lead over Bernd Wiesberger. Right behind were Rickie Fowler and Phil Mickelson. Still very much in the picture were Jason Day, Henrik Stenson and Louis Oosthuizen.

"Tomorrow standing on the first tee is going to feel different than how it felt a month ago at



Rory McIlroy, of Northern Ireland, watches his tee shot on the 18th hole during the third round of the PGA Championship golf tournament at Valhalla Golf Club on Saturday, Aug. 9, 2014, in Louisville, Ky. AP

Hoylake because you don't have that ... it is going to be a shootout," said McIlroy, who was at 13-under 200. "You know the conditions are soft. Guys are going to make birdies. And you know that you're going to have to make birdies as well."

He did his part late in the round, rolling in a 20-foot birdie putt on the 15th hole, hitting 9-iron from 172 yards that landed with a splat next to the hole for an easy birdie on the 16th hole, and getting up-and-down

from a bunker on the final hole.

"It's not the biggest lead I've ever had," McIlroy said. "But I'm still in control of this golf tournament."

Sunday is shaping up as a thriller, typical of the final major of the year.

Wiesberger closed with three straight birdies — the three putts were a combined 3 feet, 6 inches — for a 65. Playing in only his sixth major championship, the 28-year-old Austrian now gets to play in the final group at a

major with the No. 1 player in the world.

"I've not been in a contention in a major championship, so I don't know how it's going to turn out," Wiesberger said. "I'm just trying to enjoy it as I did today. ... From now on, it's just a bonus, really."

Fowler, a runner-up in the last two majors and the first player since Tiger Woods in 2005 to finish among the top five in all three of them, gets one last crack. He played bogey-free for

a 67 and was two shots behind.

Fowler will be playing in the penultimate group with Mickelson, the five-time major champion who turned his game around with strong finish. Right when he looked to be fading from contention, Lefty turned it on with a long birdie putt on the 14th hole, two more birdies, and then he narrowly missed an eagle putt on the final hole. He had a 67 and was three shots behind.

"That birdie putt on 14 was really the one that got me go-

ing, because I needed to finish strong to get back in it," Mickelson said.

Mickelson was at 10-under 203 with Day, who played in the final group with McIlroy on Saturday and had to settle for a 69.

The PGA Championship does not bill itself as the toughest test in golf. It assembles the best field of the majors and lets them slug it out over four days. Add a super soft course from morning showers, and cheers rained down from every corner.

The average score was 69.57, though it felt easier to former Masters champion Adam Scott, one of nine players with a 66 or better.

"Doesn't get any easier," said Scott, who was six behind. "Seems like 4 or 5 under is about even par today."

For all the birdies, two pars early in the round were important. Day hooked his tee shot so badly on the second hole that it cleared the stream and landed in a bog. It eventually was found in knee-high vegetation. Day had to remove his shoes, roll up his pants and wade across the stream to get there. He blasted across the fairway into the rough, hit wedge onto the green to 8 feet and made it.

The tee was moved forward on the par-4 fourth hole, making it play 292 holes. Seven players made eagle. McIlroy was not one of them. He hooked his tee shot into the woods and had to take a penalty drop to get a clear look at the green. McIlroy made a 12-footer for par to stay in the lead, and he made birdie on the next hole.

Back and forth it went all day. Fowler, Day, Wiesberger and even Ryan Palmer and Jim Furyk took turns joining McIlroy atop the leaderboard. Through it all, Boy Wonder never fell back.

And that's what makes it hard on everyone else chasing him Sunday.

McIlroy is coming off a wire-to-wire win at the British Open and rallied to win a World Golf Championship in his next start. He goes after a third straight victory from a familiar position — in the lead.

Unlike his other three majors, he has hardly any margin for error and a lot more players chasing him.

"I'll take a win any way it comes," McIlroy said. "If that means having to scrap it out with a couple people coming down the stretch, of if I can give myself some sort of lead going down the back nine ... I don't think it would give me extra satisfaction winning by one or two or scrapping it out."

Tiger may have to learn when to call it quits

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Tiger Woods is no longer being compared with Jack Nicklaus.

Now the reference is to the great Willie Mays falling down in center field trying to catch a fly ball. Or to Joe Louis entering the ring one time too many—and leaving it through the ropes after getting knocked out by Rocky Marciano.

Those were sad moments in sports.

As bad as Woods looked over two days at the PGA Championship, it would be premature to say this was another one.

But it sure looked that way.

Really, was it any worse than three years ago at the PGA Championship?

Woods missed two majors in the summer of 2011 to let his leg injuries heal, the ones that caused him to withdraw after nine holes and a 42 at The Players Championship. He returned to finish 18 shots out of the lead at Firestone and then missed the cut at the PGA Championship by six shots.

He was 35. Now he's 38.

It had been three years since he last won a major. Now it's six.

He had played only one event heading into the final major of the year in 2011, never shot worse than 72 and tied for 37th.

This time, Woods was returning from back surgery that kept him out of the Masters and U.S. Open. He had three starts before the final major — including the British Open. He missed the cut by four shots, had his worst 72-hole finish in a major and withdrew from the final round at Firestone with a different back injury. And then he waited until the last day to show up at Valhalla, played nine holes of practice and couldn't beat five club pros.

Woods said he was pain-free after playing nine holes Wednesday. He said his back was a little stiff after a 74 on Thursday. And he said his back "went out on me" on the range and "I just had to play through it" on his way to another 74.

"I didn't really notice

that," Phil Mickelson said when asked about Woods' injury. "I just noticed that really on the greens the ball wasn't going in the hole."

Ouch.

The trouble assessing injuries is that only the athlete knows how bad it hurts. It's even more complicated when the athlete—Woods—isn't forthcoming about it.

Is this the end? Not yet.

But it most likely is the end of Woods as golf once knew him. The end of a guy who once won seven out of 11 majors, and who got to 79 wins on the PGA Tour more quickly than anyone in history.

Woods always talked about his pursuit of Nicklaus and the record 18 professional majors as a marathon. He's approaching Heartbreak Hill with four knee surgeries and back problems that keep cropping up.

Golf is the one sport you can play forever, which makes it the toughest sport from which to retire.

That might be Woods' next big challenge.

Nine years ago in the park-

ing lot at Doral, as Woods was about to embark on his next great run in the majors, he said he wouldn't be on tour forever.

"I'll definitely quit the game earlier than people think," Woods said. "The only reason I would play is the occasional tournament if my son is good enough to be out there, and he chooses to play."

This was four years before his son was born.

"When my best isn't good enough to win anymore, I'm walking," Woods said. "I've won tournaments when I wasn't playing my best. If I play my best and don't win, there's no reason to be out here."

They all say that. But how do they really know?

Football players lose a step. A great hitter doesn't see the ball quite as well.

Golfers don't make as many putts.

"You'll know when I'm not able to produce any more," Woods said that day. "I don't lie. When I play well, I tell you guys. When I haven't played well, I'll tell you."

All he could say Friday afternoon at Valhalla was, "I tried as hard as I could. That's all I've got."

He is four PGA Tour wins away from breaking the record of Sam Snead (82). He is five majors away from breaking the major championship record by Nicklaus (18). Woods has been stuck on 14 majors since 2008 at the U.S. Open.

Woods did win five times last year before back trouble began to take its toll. Don't give up on him just yet. But each year he gets older, and someone new comes along.

Rory McIlroy played his first pro event in America the same week Woods returned from reconstructive knee surgery. Jordan Spieth showed up in a big way last year.

It's not getting any easier.

The plan for Woods was to spend his time off getting stronger in his core muscles. Woods talks about not burning the candle at both ends—working in the gym and working at golf. His biggest rival now might be time. Either way, the wax is melting.

Stults gets first road win as Padres top Pirates



PITTSBURGH

(AP)—Eric Stults got his first road win of the season, going 6 1-3 innings as the Padres beat the Pirates, 2-1, on Saturday.

Stults (5-13) gave up one run and seven hits, struck out six and walked none. He entered the game with an 0-9 record away from Petco Park.

The Padres scored both runs in the first inning off Francisco Liriano (3-8). San Diego loaded the bases with no outs and scored on Jedd Gyorko's RBI single and Yasmani Grandal's sacrifice fly.

Pittsburgh answered in the home half when Josh Harrison led off with a single, stole second and scored on Russell Martin's RBI single.

After the first inning Liriano retired the next 17 batters he faced before walking Grandal with two outs in the seventh. He gave up three hits and a walk in seven innings.

Orioles 10, Cardinals 3

In Baltimore, Caleb Joseph homered in his fifth consecutive game, Nelson Cruz hit his 30th and Delmon Young also went deep as the Baltimore Orioles beat John Lackey and the St. Louis Cardinals 10-3 Saturday.

All three home runs came with a man on against Lackey (1-1), making his second start since coming from Boston in a July 31 trade. The right-hander gave up nine runs and 13 hits in five-plus innings to fall to 14-8 lifetime against Baltimore.

The Orioles have hit nine homers in winning the first two games of the three-game set by a collective 22-5 score. Baltimore has won seven straight series and leads the AL East by six games, its largest margin since September 1997.

Indians 3, Yankees 0

In New York, Corey Kluber pitched four-hit ball for a superb six innings and Jose Ramirez hit his first career homer as the Indians ended a four-game skid with a victory over the Yankees.

Michael Brantley also homered and had three hits for Cleveland, which won at Yankee Stadium for the first time in eight games. Ramirez hit a two-run drive in the second inning and had three hits.

Derek Jeter had an infield single in the sixth inning to pass Honus Wagner for sixth on the career list with No. 3,431. But New York was 0 for 9 with six strikeouts with runners in scoring position in losing for just the second time in eight games.

Blue Jays 3, Tigers 2, 10 innings

In Toronto, Nolan Reimold hit a game-winning double in the 10th inning and the Blue Jays rallied past the Tigers, spoiling Max Scherzer's bid to become the first 14-game winner in the American League.

The ball gets away from Pittsburgh Pirates shortstop Jordy Mercer as San Diego Padres' Everth Cabrera steals second in the eighth inning of a baseball game Saturday, Aug. 9, 2014, in Pittsburgh. The Padres won, 2-1.

Danny Valencia singled off Joba Chamberlain to begin the 10th and Reimold followed with a double to the wall in left-center as Valencia scored without a play.

Scherzer allowed one run and four hits in eight innings. He walked none and struck out 11, two shy of his season high.

Chamberlain (1-5) came on to start the 10th after Joakim Soria, who finished the ninth, appeared to suffer a back injury while warming up before the inning.

Rays 4, Cubs 0

In Chicago, Jake Odorizzi struck out nine in six scoreless innings and combined with two relievers on a five-hitter to lead the Rays to a victory over the Cubs.

Evan Longoria drove in a run and scored two. Yunel Escobar added two hits and three RBIs.

Ben Zobrist had two hits and scored twice for the Rays, who improved to a major league-best

15-6 since July 12. They will

try to complete the three-game sweep on Sunday.

Odorizzi (8-9) gave up three hits and didn't walk a batter. The right-hander came within two strikeouts of his career high after getting hit hard in a loss to the Los Angeles Angels on Sunday.

Royals 5, Giants 0

In Kansas City, James Shields threw a four-hitter and Alex Gordon homered as the Royals won their sixth straight, beating the Giants.

The Royals have won nine of 10 to move with 11-2 games of

AL Central-leading Detroit. The Royals, who have not made the playoffs since beating St. Louis in the 1985 World Series, are in second place in the AL wild card standings.

Shields (11-6) gave up three singles in the first four innings. He allowed only two Giants to reach second base. He walked Joe Panik in the fifth and he moved to second on a wild pitch with two outs, but was stranded.

Panik doubled in the eighth.

Brewers 4, Dodgers 1

In Milwaukee, Mike Fiers held the Dodgers to three hits in his first big league start in more than a year, and Khris Davis and Carlos Gomez homered to give the Brewers a win.

Fiers (1-1) struck out five in eight strong innings, filling in for injured veteran Matt Garza. The Dodgers mustered only a solo homer by Adrian Gonzalez into the second deck in right field.

Fiers outdueled former Brewers pitcher Zack Greinke (12-8),



who gave up Gomez's homer off the left-field foul pole that made it 3-1 leading off the sixth.

Astros 8, Rangers 3

In Houston, Jon Singleton drove in three runs, and the Astros handled Yu Darvish again in a win over the Rangers to stretch the streak against their in-state rival to seven victories in a row.

Darvish (10-7) allowed nine hits and six runs — five earned — in four-plus innings in his second-shortest start of the season.

It was his second straight tough outing against the Astros after they tagged him for a season-high 10 hits with six runs in six innings on July 9.

Singleton had an RBI single in Houston's two-run first and added a two-run double as the Astros tacked on four runs in the fifth.

Mets 2, Phillies 1, 11 innings

In Philadelphia, Lucas Duda singled home the go-ahead run with one out in the 11th inning to lead the Mets to a victory over the Phillies.

It was New York's 11th victory over the Phillies in the last 12 games in Philadelphia.

Long after starters Cole Hamels and Dillon Gee exited following their duel, Curtis Granderson opened the 11th with a single off Antonio Bastardo (5-5). Following an out, David Wright singled and Eric Campbell walked to load the bases.

Marlins 4, Reds 3

In Cincinnati, Brad Penny rejoined the Marlins for the first time in 10 years and pitched five solid innings to get a notable win, over the slumping Reds.

The 36-year-old helped the Marlins win the World Series in 2003 and played one more season in Miami before moving on. Called up earlier Saturday,

Penny (1-0) put the Marlins in position for their second straight win over Cincinnati, which is 8-14 since the All-Star break.

Penny gave up Jay Bruce's solo homer and an unearned run in five innings, fanning three while throwing 95 pitches.

Bryan Morris gave up two hits and a run in the eighth. Steve Cishek pitched the ninth for his 29th save in 32 chances.

Diamondback 14, Rockies 4

In Phoenix, David Peralta hit a grand slam in Arizona's nine-run eighth inning, Mark Trumbo homered and drove in four runs, and the Diamondbacks routed the bumbling Rockies.

Arizona led 5-4 heading into the eighth inning behind Trumbo's a three-run homer off Jorge De La Rosa (11-8) and seven effective innings by Trevor Cahill (2-8).

The Rockies came apart in the bottom half of the inning with two errors, a passed ball and a wild pitch. Colorado also walked in a run and Peralta capped the eight-hit inning with his first career grand slam over the pool in right-center.

White Sox 2, Mariners 1

In Seattle, Conor Gillaspie's RBI single with two outs in the 10th inning helped the White Sox to a victory over the Mariners.

With Jordan Danks on second base, Gordon Beckham reached when Seattle shortstop Chris Taylor booted his grounder. Danks advanced to third and scored when Gillaspie, who entered as a pinch hitter in the eighth, hit a hard single to right off Fernando Rodney (1-5).

The loss ended the Mariners' four-game winning streak and the White Sox snapped their four-game losing streak.

Athletics 9, Twins 4

In Oakland, Derek Norris hit a

three-run homer, Stephen Vogt added a two-run shot, and the Athletics won their 12th straight against the Twins.

Jeff Samardzija (3-1) improved to 3-0 at home since coming to the AL West-leading A's in a trade from the Cubs on July 4. He followed winning

lefties Jon Lester and Scott Kazmir, who kept Minnesota in check over the first two games of the series, with six tough innings that forced him to throw 109 pitches.

Vogt hit his second clout in three games following a long funk.

Jeter passes Wagner on career hit list

NEW YORK (AP)—Derek Jeter has passed Honus Wagner on the career hits list with 3,431, getting an infield single in the sixth inning Saturday against the Cleveland Indians.

Jeter led off the inning with a soft grounder off Corey Kluber that shortstop Jose Ramirez charged but failed to pick up with his bare hand.

Jeter tied Wagner on Friday night with a grounder that Ramirez made a nice play on but the throw went off first baseman Carlos Santana's glove as the Yankees captain crossed the base.

Jeter has said this will be his final season so moving up to fifth will be very difficult. He needs 84 hits to catch Tris Speaker at 3,515.

Meanwhile, Los Angeles shortstop Hanley Ramirez had an MRI on his sore right rib cage and missed the Dodgers' game Saturday night against the Milwaukee Brewers.

Ramirez felt tightness in his right side during a pre-game session in the batting cage Friday night, but tried to play through the pain as the Dodgers opened a three-game series with the Brewers with a 9-3 loss.

Ramirez batted fourth in

the starting lineup and walked in the first inning. After talking with Dodgers manager Don Mattingly in the dugout, Ramirez was removed as a precaution in the bottom half.

Mattingly said it sounded like an "oblique-type" injury. The tests would indicate whether there was swelling or bleeding.

Ramirez is batting .277 with 12 home runs and 58 RBIs in 100 games this season.

In Minnesota, the Twins have traded starter Kevin Correia to the Dodgers for a player to be named later. Left-hander Tommy Milone has been recalled from Triple-A Rochester to take Correia's spot in the rotation.

Correia, 33, struggled in 23 starts, accruing a league-leading 13 losses with a 4.94 ERA and a 61/32 K/BB ratio over 129 1/3 innings. The Dodgers, however, just lost Josh Beckett for the season. Though they recently acquired Roberto Hernandez from the Phillies, they are still thin on starting pitching depth. Correia is eligible for free agency after the season, when the two-year, \$10 million deal he signed with the Twins in December 2012 expires.

LeBron tells Ohio crowd: 'I love you. I'm back'



AKRON, Ohio (AP)—On a night packed with emotion and inspiration, LeBron James saved the biggest moment for last.

Surrounded by family, friends and fans in a city welcoming him home, James delivered a line he's been waiting to say for four years.

"I love you," he told the crowd of nearly 25,000. "I'm back."

James then dropped the microphone and left the stage as fireworks exploded about InfoCision Stadium, illuminating the Akron sky.

James is home, and he's not leaving again.

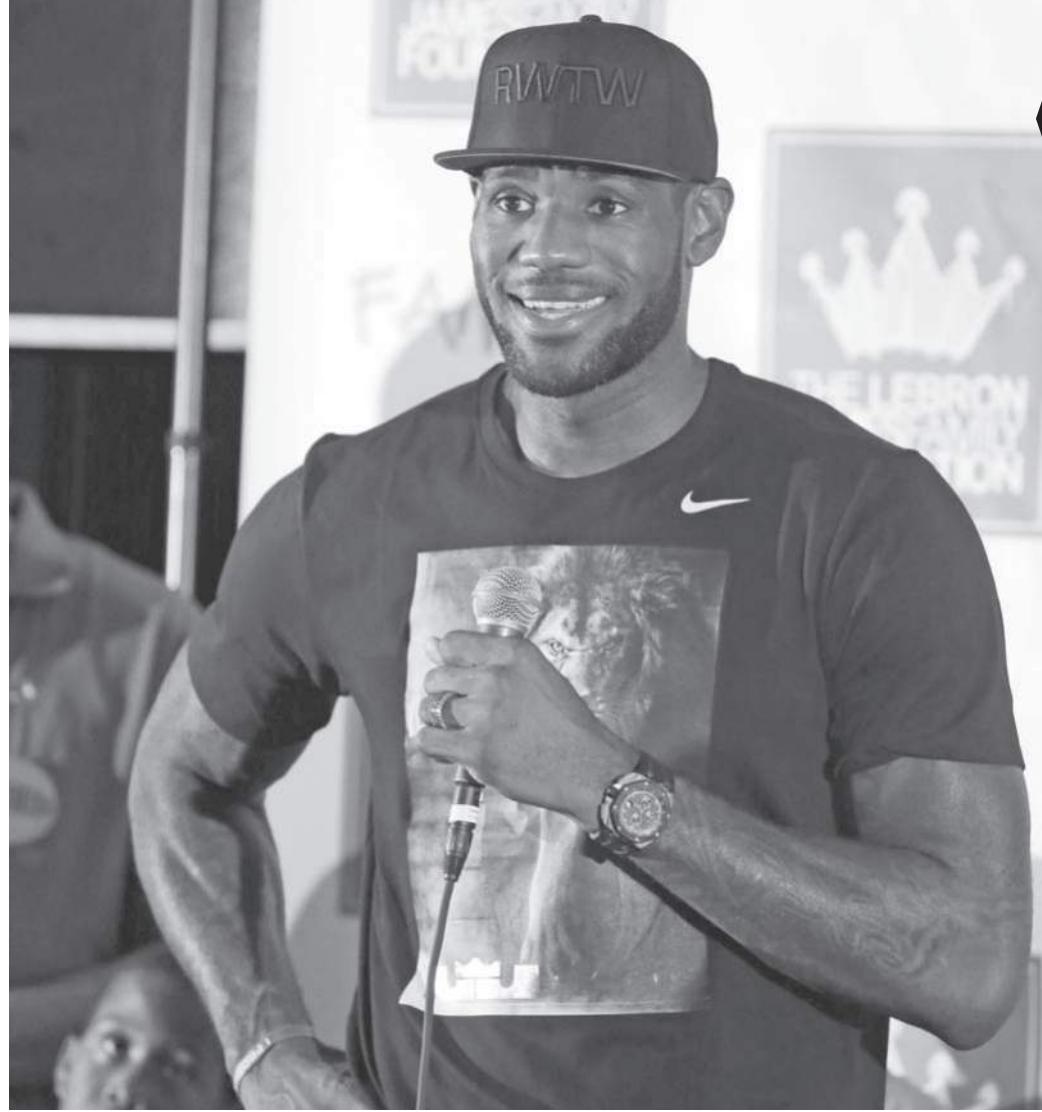
The NBA superstar, who re-signed with Cleveland last month, said Friday night he intends to play the rest of his career with the Cavaliers, the team he returned to after winning two NBA titles in Miami.

When he signed a two-year, \$41 million contract that included an option after one year, there was speculation he would one day test free agency again. The contract made Cleveland fans nervous, but they can now relax.

"I don't plan on going nowhere," James said. "I don't have the energy to do it again."

James, who returned to Northeast Ohio after four seasons with the Heat, was welcomed back with a homecoming event fit for a King.

Fans waited in line for six hours for a prime seat for the



event on the University of Akron campus, not far from where the 29-year-old James bounced his first basketball.

There were tributes during the two-hour ceremony, highlighted by recording artist Skylar Grey

signing her hit "I'm Coming Home," a song that became the unofficial theme of his return to Cleveland.

"It's almost like she knew I was coming home before I knew I was coming home," he said.

James was back and the city that helped raise him welcomed him with open arms. The welcome-home party coincided with James' annual "I Promise" campaign for area children sponsored by his family foundation.

team has a lot of young players and that's something that NMIFA has been working for in the last nine years. CNMI football has come a long way as far as getting young players into the program and developing their skills are concerned," said Bogdan, who wore the jersey he used in the 2005 game against Guam at the dinner party.

Blue Ayuyus goalie and NMIFA technical director Johann Noetzel considered the victory as a way of planting the "seeds of opportunities" for CNMI football.

"We've established a good

base and now we have to continue working hard to play better and keep reaping positive results. Now that Coach Seki (Kiyoshi Sekiguchi) is here on a full time basis, we can now give the men's team and its program a year-round attention," said Noetzel.

"We have to continue moving forward, play as much as football as possible. Learn about the game more not only by watching on screen, but mostly by playing consistently, having the ball on our foot every time," added Noetzel, who thanked Sekiguchi for joining the squad

even for such short notice. Sekiguchi joined the Blue Ayuyus' training sessions for the EAFF competition less than two weeks before the team headed to Guam. He supervised practices with the help of the coaches from Chelsea Soccer School (Hong Kong) and despite dropping their opening game to Mongolia, 0-4, the veteran mentor did not lose faith with his players.

"I knew they can do it. They just have to show a lot of fighting spirit and that's what they did against Macau," said Sekiguchi.

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Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James answers questions during a news conference before the homecoming event at InfoCision Stadium Friday, Aug. 8, 2014, in Akron, Ohio.

"It's pretty amazing," said James, joined at his news conference by several kids. "I'm not gonna sit up here and say it's not. To know you can do things for people, give them hope, give them inspiration. It means a lot to me. I understand I'm a role model. I understand to these kids I'm more than a role model. I'm a superhero to them. I'm a father to them. I'm a brother to them, whatever the case they want me to be on that particular day."

Although he was playing for the Heat, James said his heart was always home and he realized it was time to return.

"It just hit me," he said. "Sometimes you just have a feeling. You realize what's going on and what's happening. It just hit me."

During a 15-minute interview session - his first since announcing his return to Ohio - James touched on a number of subjects, including new Cleveland coach David Blatt, the possible addition of All-Star forward Kevin Love, who is expected to join the Cavs in a trade from Minnesota later this month, and winning Cleveland's first championship since 1964.

Noetzel seconded Sekiguchi, saying the team's desire to win was there, as players did everything they could to ensure they will walk away from the game with points to their credit.

"Our opponents were technically and tactically better and more experienced than we are, but you guys went all out there. The belief was there, not only from the players, but from all our supporters, the NMIFA officials and staffs, executives, sponsors, TSL Foundation, JFA, Chelsea Hong Kong. They believe we know how to win a game," Noetzel said.

First Game

World Resort 54 – Manglona 13, Bernardo 10, Danas 9, Vinas 7, Tiamzon 6, Lewis 2, Mostales 2, Caruana 1.

Hyatt Regency 50 – Libuw 13, Hossain 12, Alipio 9, Lauzon 8, Gabaldon 6.

Scoring by quarters: 10-13, 23-25, 37-34, 54-50.

Second Game

Fiesta Resort 69 – Ong 14, Quizon 12, Galag 10, Matsutaro 9, Esdrelon 8, Demafeliz 8, Aloko 2, Manalo 2.

Mariana Resort 49 – Capuli 11, Delos Reyes 10, Piadoso 9, Bansil 4, San Nicolas 4, Sanchez 4, Roskow 3.

Scoring by quarters: 21-6, 40-14, 58-30, 69-49.

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doubles crown, is ranked No. 1 in his age group in the North Pacific.

Miyawaki is also the top-ranked player in the girls U12 division in the region, following her equally outstanding performance in the tournament in Guam.

She was unscathed in three games in the elimination round to place first in Group A. Of her six straight sets win, the Saipan International School student earned four shutout victories and gave up no more than two points to her opponent. In the playoff round, which was incidentally an all-CNMI battle, Song, Kaga, and Raulerson.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE					
East Division					
W	L	Pct	GB		
Baltimore	67	49	.578	—	
New York	61	55	.526	6	
Toronto	62	56	.525	6	
Tampa Bay	57	59	.491	10	
Boston	51	65	.440	16	

Central Division					
Detroit	63	51	.553	—	
Kansas City	62	53	.539	1 1/2	
Cleveland	58	59	.496	6 1/2	
Chicago	56	62	.475	9	
Minnesota	51	64	.443	12 1/2	

West Division					
Oakland	72	44	.621	—	
Los Angeles	68	48	.586	4	
Seattle	61	55	.526	11	
Houston	49	68	.419	23 1/2	
Texas	45	71	.388	27	

NATIONAL LEAGUE					
East Division					
Washington	63	52	.548	—	
Atlanta	59	57	.509	4 1/2	
Miami	57	59	.491	6 1/2	
New York	56	61	.479	8	
Philadelphia	52	65	.444	12	

Central Division					
Milwaukee	65	52	.556	—	
Pittsburgh	62	54	.534	2 1/2	
St. Louis	61	54	.530	3	
Cincinnati	59	58	.504	6	
Chicago	49	66	.426	15	

West Division

Los Angeles	66	52	.559	—
San Francisco	62	55	.530	3 1/2
San Diego	53	62	.461	11 1/2
Arizona	51	66	.436	14 1/2
Colorado	45	71	.388	20

PGA CHAMPIONSHIP SCORES

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky—Scores Saturday from the PGA Championship, played at the 7,458-yard, par-71 course at Valhalla Golf Club.

Third Round					
Rory McIlroy	66	67	67	200	
B. Wiesberger	68	68	65	201	
Rickie Fowler	69	66	67	202	
Phil Mickelson	69	67	67	203	
Jason Day	69	65	69	203	
Louis Oosthuizen	70	67	67	204	
Henrik Stenson	66	71	67	204	
Mikko Ilonen	67	68	69	204	
Ryan Palmer	65	70	69	204	
Jamie Donaldson	69	70	66	205	
Graham DeLaet	69	68	68	205	
Steve Stricker	69	68	68	205	
Hunter Mahan	70	71	65	206	
Adam Scott	71	69	66	206	
Kevin Chappell	65	74	67	206	
Lee Westwood	65	72	69	206	
Joost Luiten	68	69	69	206	
Jim Furyk	66	68	72	206	
Brandt Snedeker</					

The Week in Sports

Local tournaments retake spotlight

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After giving way to off-island competitions in the last two weeks, local tournaments regained center stage last week.

Leading the list of local offerings last week was the 19th

Tournament of Champions held at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort. The two-day competition lured more than 150 golfers with no less than CNMI's pride Leina Kim standing tall in the male-dominated tournament.

Kim recorded the lowest gross in the two-round competition

with her 3-under par 141. She was the lone golfer in the field to go under par in this year's TOC. The Colorado State University-Pueblo standout shot an even par 72 in the first round and a 3-under par 69 in the second and final round for a big 22-stroke winning margin over Guam junior golfer Rachel Peterson.

The former CNMI golfer's score was better than eventual Championship Flight winner Geon Ju Lee (148) and last year's champion Daryl Poe (149) of Guam. Joining Kim on the flight champions list were Super Senior's Edward Manibusan, Seniors' Barry Wilson and Vic Borja, A's Jun Suk Kim, B's Takao Urusawa, and C's Namki Kim.

Meanwhile, other local events held last week were the 2014 Shirley's Badminton Classic and the various basketball leagues.

In badminton, favored players and teams in the Shirley's Coffee Shop-sponsored competition delivered with Andreau Galvez, Ferdie Arago, Hannah Choi, Jen Savellano, Janelle Pangilinan, Glenn Blutjens, and Sam Jones winning their respective matches at the TSL Sports Complex.

At the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium, Fiesta Resort & Spa remained unbeaten in the Inter-Hotel caging, moving up to a 4-0 record, following a 69-49 win over Mariana Resort. World Resort is in second place with



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World Resort's Kae Bernardo drives to the baseline against Hyatt Regency Saipan's Jun Alipio during the first quarter of their game in the Inter-Hotel caging last week at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



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A Mariana Resort player loses his dribble as Hyatt Regency Saipan defenders and his teammates crowded the paint during the third quarter of their game in the Inter-Hotel caging last week at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



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I Love Saipan's Leo Ruluk towers above two Armatech players in this rebound play during the second quarter of their game in the Emon Lodge-Docomo Pacific Cup last week at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

its 4-1 slate after downing Hyatt Regency Saipan, 54-50. Before losing to World Resort, Hyatt bagged its second straight win after topping Mariana Resort last Tuesday, while the third-running Pacific Islands Club defeated Kanoa Resort.

Still at the Ada Gym for the Emon Lodge-Docomo Pacific Cup, Armatech also retained its clean slate (3-0) after beating I Love Saipan, while Maria Resort (4-1) got two more wins after routing Degree and Hawaiian Rock. PIC Chef also

won in the Emon Lodge caging last week, slipping past Degree, 74-73.

Over at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court for the DLX caging, the Bandits won over Hite, while defending champion Ali'i topped Morales Boys.



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The flight winners in the 19th Tournament of Champions pose for a photo last week at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.



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Sam Jones stretches for a return, while teammate Glenn Blutjens looks on during their men's A doubles division game against Aries Cordero and Ferdie Arago in the opening week of the 2014 Shirley's Badminton Classic at the TSL Sports Complex. ▶



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Ladies Flight champion Leina Kim celebrates her win with fellow players during the awards ceremony for the 19th Tournament of Champions held last week at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.



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Lani Bartolome steps in front for a return during her and Windy Fernandez's game against Jen Savellano and Janine Pangilinan in the women's A doubles division of the 2014 Shirley's Badminton Classic last weekend at the TSL Sports Complex.



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Blue Ayuyus reflect on historic win



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Players and officials of the CNMI Men's National Team pose for a photo during a dinner NMIFA hosted in honor of the squad's historic win over Macau in last month's Preliminary Round 1 of the 2015 EAFF East Asian Cup.

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As the CNMI Men's National Team was honored for its triumph in last month's Preliminary Round 1 of the 2015 EAFF East Asian Cup in Guam, the Blue Ayuyus took this opportunity to reflect on the historic win over Macau.

"For a young player like me, it's amazing to be part of such historic moment," said U18 player Joel Fruitt last Friday during a dinner Northern Mariana Islands Football Association held at Nami Bar in honor of the Blue Ayuyus' 2-1 victory over Macau in the EAFF-organized and FIFA-sanctioned competition.

"The win gave us younger players a lot of confidence because we are a non-FIFA ranked team that beat a FIFA-ranked squad. The victory means we



are on the right track, we are doing the right things, and we need to continue that and push ourselves harder to get to the level of the other teams we will be facing in the future," Fruitt added.

Jireh Yobech, another youth member of the squad, said the victory brought back memories of the CNMI U14 National Team that gave the Commonwealth its first EAFF win—incidentally against Macau, too,

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Schorr, Miyawaki honored

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ATHLETES of the MONTH

Junior tennis players Robbie Schorr and Malika Miyawaki were named NMSA/TSL Foundation Student Athletes of the Month for June last week.

Schorr and Miyawaki's recognition came in late as Northern Marianas Sports Association failed to hold a meeting last month due to its preparation for the 8th Micronesian Games. Selections for the June awardees were made only last Thursday and done simultaneously with the July winners. The two junior netters earned NMSA's nod after their impressive showing in the 2014 North Pacific Regional Championship in Guam held from June 9 to 14.

Schorr ruled both the boys U12 singles and doubles events of the annual competition, prevailing against players from Guam, Palau, and the Federated States of Micronesia. In the singles event, he topped the Group A of the pool play with an unbeaten record, allowing no more than two points to his opponents and winning all matches via



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Robbie Schorr, seen here in action during the 2014 CNMI Junior Championships at the Kanoa Resort early this year, was chosen as the NMSA Student Athlete of the Month for June, sharing the honors with fellow junior player Malika Miyawaki.

straight sets.

The Grace Christian Academy student continued his winning ways in the playoff round, beating Guam's Elijah Ziegler in the quarterfinals, 6-0, 6-1, to set up a semis showdown with fellow CNMI player Aditya Rai. Schorr went on to elimi-

nate Rai, 6-1, 6-1, and capped his perfect run in the regional championship with a 6-3, 6-0 victory over another CNMI bet Ken Son. With the victory, the 11-year-old Schorr, who teamed up with Song in winning the

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World Resort, Fiesta keep Top 2 spots

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World Resort and Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan retained the Top 2 spots in the team standings in the 2014 Budweiser Inter-Hotel Basketball League, following their contrasting wins last Thursday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

World Resort edged Hyatt Regency Saipan in the first game, 54-50, while Fiesta dominated Mariana Resort in the second tiff, 69-49. Fiesta is still unbeaten in four games for the solo lead in the seven-team field, while World Resort is in close second with its 4-1 record. Hyatt (2-4) is in fourth place behind Pacific Islands Club (3-1), followed by idle Kanoa Resort (1-3), Shirley's/Century Hotel (1-2), and the winless Mariana Resort (0-4).

Mariana Resort failed to break into the win column anew after a so-so game in the first half. It scored in single digit in the first two quarters, allowing Fiesta to

break away early. Fiesta enjoyed a 15-point lead at the end of the first period, as Mariana Resort managed to score only six points, while the former nailed 21.

Three straight baskets from Djay Ong early in the first matched Mariana Resort's entire output, while Paul Quizon

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World Resort's Eugene Manglona challenges the defense of Hyatt Regency Saipan's Jun Alipio during the first quarter of their game in the Inter-Hotel caging last Thursday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.